

NATIONAL HOME FOR DISABLED SOLDIERS.

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE NATIONAL HOME FOR DISABLED  
VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS FOR THE YEAR 1878.

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*To the honorable Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled :*

The Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, in compliance with the act of Congress requiring an annual report of the management of the trusts confided to them to Congress, beg leave to submit the following :

Referring to our former reports made to Congress, and reiterating the recommendations therein made for the instruction of Congress as to the condition of the National Home, we add, the board has found during the year largely increased calls upon the resources confided to them for the support of a much larger number of soldiers who have claims under the act establishing our institution, than ever before, and our accommodations have been taxed to their utmost capacity to take care of and make comfortable those soldiers who have been adjudicated by us to come within the purview of the act. But we can say, what has always been a matter of pride to us, that no soldier entitled to the benefits of the institution, who has ever made application, has been turned away.

As time passes, it becomes more and more difficult to determine whether the disabilities of any given applicant are proven to have arisen solely from wounds or sickness received in line of duty. As age advances, many who served through the war find themselves totally disabled; and while it is apparent that age had to do with their disabilities, it is likewise so highly probable that the disabilities are premature from hardships of the service that their cases appeal to us strongly to presume that a man who was mustered into service after a medical examination as a well and sound man, and who now is shown to have had sickness in the Army from which he apparently recovered, but is now afflicted with disabilities which may in natural course be fairly traceable and deduceable from that sickness, that we have felt obliged where a long term of service is shown, an honorable discharge given, a premature decrepitude by age, or diseases breaking out afresh of like character to those suffered while in the service, to conclude that such may fairly be determined to be the *sequela* of such sickness; and the board in their discretion have felt it their duty to resolve the doubts in such cases largely in favor of the applicant.

It is true that in some cases we have been deceived or misled by the *prima-facie* evidence which has been furnished to us by the opinion of surgeons in the country whose certificate we required as to the state of health of the applicant, and the cause from which his disabilities are claimed to have arisen. Yet we have endeavored to correct such mistakes as far as possible by having careful examinations made by the very competent surgeons of the Home; and where the evidence is clear that the disability arises from other cause than wounds or sickness incurred in line of duty, or that there are no sufficient disabilities now existing to bring the beneficiaries within the purview of the statute, in such cases the soldier has been honorably discharged from the Home. Indeed, in some of those cases where the Board of Examining Surgeons of the Home have certified that there was no disability, we have been obliged to readmit the beneficiary so discharged afterward, because of the appearance of diseases and disabilities which were not potent at the time of their examination.

There is one question to which we desire the attention of Congress which has been a source of great perplexity. The law provides that the soldiers of the war of 1812 and the Mexican war shall be entitled to the benefits of the Home; but from the length of time that has elapsed it is almost impossible to obtain evidence of the origin of the disability of this class of soldiers. The board was at first inclined to adopt as a proper construction of the law that Congress intended that a soldier of the war of 1812, or the Mexican war, honorably discharged, now afflicted with disabilities, was, at all events, entitled to the benefits of the Home. But, upon a closer examination of the law, the board is inclined to the opinion that there must be some evidence that the soldier was "disabled in line of duty." A strict compliance with this condition would render the act, in behalf of this class of soldiers, almost inoperative. The board submits to Congress the necessity, therefore, of a declaratory act in this behalf, and would recommend that such an act should be so framed that where a Mexican soldier or a soldier of the war of 1812 is found disabled, and without any other means of support, if honorably discharged, shall be admitted to the benefits of the Home.

The board has caused reports, in answer to questions submitted by its secretary to the commandants of the several branches of the Home, to be carefully prepared and made to it, which are hereto appended as part of this report, which it is believed will furnish all the information that can be desired by Congress, in detail upon every subject relating to the administration, and its results of the several Homes, and to these several reports we refer Congress for all necessary details.

The greatly-increasing numbers largely increases our expenditures; and it is by the most rigid economy of administration that we have been able to keep within our appropriations.

In the past we have been largely assisted in clothing our beneficiaries by utilizing, in what we deemed the most prudent and economical manner, the supplies of surplus clothing remaining in the hands of the Quartermaster's Department, which came to us by a separate act of Congress, by drawing from the Quartermaster's Department a suit of clothing, or its equivalent in clothing, for each soldier on the occasion of his first admission to the Home. And we have been able in the past to clothe our men with relatively a very light expenditure of money, and have made valuable a very great deal of condemned Army clothing.

But this supply now fails us. There remain now no full suits of surplus clothing coming down from the war, so that that supply must fail. As by increasing age and corpulency of the beneficiaries the sizes of

such clothing renders it wholly useless to us, in the future we must make arrangements for the manufacture or purchase of clothing, and provision will have to be made by Congress to meet this hereafter very considerable expenditure.

We manufacture at our Homes two articles of clothing at the present time needed for the use of our beneficiaries; at one, boots and shoes; and at the other, stockings; at a very reduced cost; and the board intends, if not otherwise directed by Congress, to make up all the clothing for the soldiers in its care in the Homes. When it is remembered that we have had over eight thousand beneficiaries in our care during the past year, and that their numbers are increasing, all of whom by law have a right to one suit of clothes, to be given them on their admission, and if they have any means, from their pensions or by their labor while in the Home, to buy others, it will be readily seen that no small sum, with every economy, will be required for this purpose. In the most economical way it can be done the cost of clothing the men will exceed one-third of all our other expenditures, and this must be added in future appropriations when our present supply of clothing is exhausted.

The board desires to call the special attention of Congress to the fact that the pensions of the soldiers are not within the control of the Board of Managers at all where the beneficiary has a parent, wife, or child dependent upon him; but in other cases we have so endeavored to administer the pensions as in part to contribute to the support of the soldier and his comfort and happiness.

The Board of Managers are happy to say that they have had no occasion for any exercise of restraint or repression upon more than 98 per cent. of our beneficiaries; and from the more than 98 per cent. no complaints have ever yet been made to Congress or anybody else as to the conduct and management of the Home. We recognize the fact that complaints have been made to Congress by a very few of our beneficiaries, and into those complaints we have asked the fullest and most careful investigation, in the full belief that all such complaints would be found substantially groundless or frivolous. It has been the habit of the board at its quarterly meetings at the several Homes to have full notice given to all beneficiaries having complaints to make of any supposed ill treatment received by any one at either of the Homes, or any maladministration, that they will be heard, and to examine the complaints separately and apart from the local officers of the institution, so that each may be free to make known his criticisms to the board in the fullest manner without being influenced by the presence of his officers. Wherever any abuse has come to the knowledge of the board it has been promptly and efficiently corrected.

Again, candor and truth compel us to say to Congress that a very large majority of the cases of complaints have been wholly trivial and groundless, and the complaints have come from a class of persons whom it had been found necessary for the local officers to punish for gross infractions of the necessary rules of the Home; but it is due to the soldiers complaining, and who have been so punished, to say that the infractions of the rules and the necessity of the discipline have come to them very largely because of their habits of intemperance. If intoxicating liquors could be wholly put and kept beyond the reach of the beneficiaries of the Home, we should have, substantially, neither cases for discipline nor complaints from any sane man. Complaints have been made by men with morbid or distempered minds, and their statements made the basis of articles in the public prints, and in some cases direct application to the President of the United States and the Secretary of



War, both of whom are *ex-officio* members of our board, and in other cases to members of Congress, which from impartial investigation have been found to be wholly illusory and malicious, and unsupported by affidavits. Indeed, the wonder seems to the board to be that so few complaints are made rather than so many.

Heretofore, the death-rate at the Homes has been surprisingly small. Surrounded by all the comforts of life, fed with wholesome and well-cooked food, living in cleanliness and sobriety, with every opportunity for innocent recreation and exercise, cared for by experienced, competent, and sympathizing surgeons, the lives of our beneficiaries have been wonderfully prolonged during the twelve years of the active existence of our institution.

At first the board had supposed that the decrease by death would have equalled the number of new applications for admissions long since; but as year by year goes on the applicants for support largely exceed our depletion from all causes. As we are now nearly eighteen years away from the beginning of the war, we must naturally expect in men with shattered bodies who must soon average over fifty years of age, that the death-rate will be so large as to almost furnish evidence to the unthinking of an epidemic. But the board are persuaded that for some years longer in spite of this we must look for still increasing numbers.

There will be found annexed to this report the account of the acting treasurer of the board of the receipts and disbursements during the past year, and the details of such disbursements will be found in the reports of the several commandants.

We also append hereto the official record of all the acts of the Board of Managers during the past year.

The board takes occasion again to renew its recommendation to the fostering care of Congress this most noble beneficence to the disabled soldiers of our country, greater than ever furnished by any country, and to ask of Congress the most careful oversight of its administration on the one side and a continuance of liberal appropriations for it on the other.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BENJ. F. BUTLER,  
*President of the Board of Managers National Home for  
Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.*



*The National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers in account with General Benjamin F. Butler, acting treasurer.*

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BENJ. F. BUTLER,

*Acting Treasurer National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.*

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS FOR THE YEAR 1878.

JANUARY, 1879.

To Maj. Gen. B. F. BUTLER,

*President of the Board of Managers:*

I have the honor to transmit herewith the reports of the governors of the four several branches of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers for the year ending December 31, 1878.

The reports are in suitable form to be appended to the annual report of the Board of Managers to Congress, and will give accurate and detailed information as to the receipt and expenditure of moneys appropriated for the support of the several branches, as to the numbers of disabled soldiers cared for, and as to the particular methods of management and the results.

I cannot profitably abridge or condense these reports. I think they will prove satisfactory in demonstrating that the objects designed by Congress in the incorporation of this National Home for Disabled Soldiers have been faithfully and successfully subserved. If there are defects, or excess, or omissions in this regard, the complete history of the internal administration of these institutions contained in the reports will afford accurate information for critical suggestions and amendment.

Attention is called to the fact that during the past year the terms of office of three of the managers had expired, to wit: the terms of Hon. L. B. Guickel, General John S. Cavender, and General James S. Negley.

For convenient reference in the records of the National Home, I have appended to this report an extract from the act of Congress appointing their successors. This extract is also important as containing a clause regulating purchases of supplies.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN H. MARTINDALE,  
*Secretary of the Board of Managers.*

[Extract from chap. 357 of U. S. Statutes, Forty-fifth Congress, second session, passed June 20, 1878.]

Support of National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers—Current expenses, including repairs: For the Central Branch, for the Eastern Branch, for the Northwestern Branch, for the Southern Branch, and for hospital and other necessary construction purposes; for clothing of extra sizes and underclothing; for outdoor relief and incidental expenses, eight hundred and eighty thousand dollars: *Provided*, That all purchases of supplies, exceeding the sum of one thousand dollars at any one time, shall be made upon public tender after due advertisement: *And further*, That Colonel Leonard A. Harris of Ohio, General Richard Coulter of Pennsylvania, and Colonel John A. Martin of Kansas, be, and they are hereby, appointed Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, to fill vacancies occasioned by the expiration of the terms of office on the twenty-first day of April, anno Domini eighteen hundred and seventy-six, of Lewis B. Guickel of Ohio, General James S. Negley of Pennsylvania, and General John S. Cavender of Missouri.

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NEW YORK OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL HOME,  
FOR DISABLED VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS  
*New York, January 2, 1878.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that during the year 1878 this office issued transportation to 232 disabled volunteer soldiers to the several branches of the National Home. That during the year 1878 there has

been on the outdoor relief roll of the Home through this office 222 monthly payments to beneficiaries, involving an outlay of \$2,220. That the whole cost of this office to the Home for the year 1878 has been \$269.37, of which amount \$200.41 was for rent of office, and the balance, \$68.96, the actual cost of postage and stationery used by the office.

As I render monthly reports and vouchers to you, it is not, perhaps, necessary to enter into further details, and I will simply add a few words.

First, as to applications for admission to the Home through this office. Applications have been many, and it is a low average to say that for each application approved one has been disapproved as not meeting the requirements necessary for admission. In my judgment, applications, for admission will be equally numerous during the year now beginning.

Second, as to outdoor relief. This relief is paid on monthly vouchers, and during the month each beneficiary must be personally visited, and show by certificate of attending physician that he is unable to be moved to the Home. Each new applicant is visited and carefully examined by this office before being placed on the roll, and during the year each beneficiary is frequently examined by this office, so that any who have sufficiently recovered may be dropped from the roll and given transportation to the Home, every possible care being taken to secure the placing on this roll of only those who fill the letter of the requirements; it being deemed best in every possible case to give transportation to the Home rather than outdoor relief. For this reason, while applications for this relief have been many, the number of beneficiaries have been kept at their comparatively low figure. The roll is constantly changing. Some die, others are kept on a few months and then dropped and offered transportation to the Home and their places filled by others of a like temporary character, while some of a severe and chronic nature of disability have remained on the roll during the whole year.

From careful watching of the workings of this relief, I am decidedly of the opinion that it does a very great amount of good and is a blessing to very many severely disabled soldiers.

This office still continues to be a kind of general headquarters for soldiers and their families, where letters are written, information given, and other matters too varying and numerous to specify attended to, without charge of any kind.

The thanks of this office are due to Dr. Hans Powell, M. D., of this city, for his kindness in examining without charge applicants for admission through the office.

Respectfully,

W. H. THOMAS.

General B. F. BUTLER.

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THE NATIONAL HOME  
FOR DISABLED VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS,  
*Dayton, Ohio, January 20, 1879.*

GENERAL: The following report of the Central Branch is respectfully submitted for your information.

The year 1878 shows many interesting statistics as the result of the operations of this branch, and I respectfully call your attention to the various tables, prepared with much care, and invite a comparison with former reports. The usual form of questions and replies is adhered to



as best calculated to bring out all the facts which the Board of Managers, Congress, and the people most desire to learn from such reports.

Very respectfully,

E. F. BROWN, *Governor.*

Maj. Gen J. H. MARTINDALE,

*Vice-President and Secretary of Board of Managers.*

*Question No. 1.*

1. What is the total number of disabled soldiers and sailors cared for or aided by your branch during the year commencing January 1, 1878, and ending December 31, 1878?—Answer. Whole number cared for during year, 5,093.

2. What has been the whole number of disabled soldiers and sailors so cared for or aided at your branch from its first establishment to December 31, 1878?—Answer. 12,041.

*Question No. 2.*

How many have been admitted to your branch during year commencing January 1, 1878, and ending December 31, 1878?—Answer. 1,041.

How many readmitted?—Answer. 290; returned from desertion, 2.

How many transferred from other branches?—Answer. 61.

How many honorably discharged?—Answer. 651.

How many summarily and dishonorably discharged?—Answer. 22. for the following causes: Summarily: For refusing to accept terms of readmission, 9. Dishonorably: For repeated absence without leave and drunkenness, 5; for repeated absence without leave, lounging about drinking-saloons, and refusing to return to the Home when ordered, 4; assaulting and stabbing a comrade with a knife, 1; keeping a liquor-saloon in the neighborhood, 1; persecuting and refusing to aid his family, 1; stealing a watch from a citizen, 1.

How many deserted?—Answer. Willfully, 14; failing to report from furlough, 57. Total, 71.

How many transferred to other branches?—Answer. 79.

*Question No. 3.*

What was the average number present during the year?—Answer. 3,172.

What the average number present and absent during the year?—Answer. 3,813.

*Question No. 4.*

How many belonged to the Regular Army?—Answer. 252.

How many belonged to the volunteer service?—Answer. 4,754.

How many belonged to the Navy?—Answer. 87.

*Question No. 5.*

How many were disabled during the war of the rebellion?—Answer. 4,890.

How many were disabled during the war of 1812?—Answer. 22.

How many were disabled during the Mexican war?—Answer. 181.

*Question No. 6.*

Of the whole number, how many were colored men?—Answer. 34.

*Question No. 7.*

From what States did they come, or in what States did they enlist?—Answer:

Alabama .....	1	Nebraska .....	4
California .....	16	New Mexico .....	1
Colorado .....	6	New York .....	809
Connecticut .....	97	New Jersey .....	159
Delaware .....	17	New Hampshire .....	26
District of Columbia .....	32	North Carolina .....	1
Illinois .....	265	Ohio .....	1,436
Indiana .....	390	Oregon .....	2
Iowa .....	40	Pennsylvania .....	804
Kansas .....	17	Rhode Island .....	6
Kentucky .....	205	South Carolina .....	1
Louisiana .....	14	Tennessee .....	19
Maine .....	23	Texas .....	1
Maryland .....	44	Vermont .....	6
Massachusetts .....	118	Virginia .....	29
Michigan .....	214	West Virginia .....	79
Minnesota .....	10	Wisconsin .....	38
Missouri .....	157	Wyoming Territory .....	2
Mississippi .....	4		
		Total .....	5,093

*Question No. 8.*

How many under 20 years of age?—Answer. None.

How many between 20 and 30 years of age?—Answer. 6.

How many between 30 and 50 years of age?—Answer. 2,568.

How many between 50 and 70 years of age?—Answer. 2,193.

How many over 70 years of age?—Answer. 322.

How many over 90 years of age?—Answer. 2.

How many over 100 years of age?—Answer. 2.

Total, 5,093.

*Question No. 9.*

How many married, with wives or minor children still living, as near as can be ascertained?—Answer. About 1,850.

*Question No. 10.*

How many native born?—Answer. 42 per cent., 2,142.

How many foreign born?—Answer. 58 per cent., 2,951.

What the nativity of the latter?—Answer:

Austria .....	14	Ireland .....	1,173
Belgium .....	4	Italy .....	3
Bermuda .....	1	Norway .....	3
Canada .....	52	Portugal .....	1
Denmark .....	6	Poland .....	1
England .....	221	Russia .....	2
France .....	56	Scotland .....	63
Germany and Prussia .....	1,238	Switzerland .....	75
Hungary .....	5	Sweden .....	5
Holland .....	15	Wales .....	11
Isle of Man .....	2		
		Total .....	2,951

*Question No. 11.*

What were their trades or occupations? Give number of each.—Answer:

Agents .....	19	Gold-beater .....	1
Architects .....	2	Gunsmiths .....	8
Actors .....	4	Gasfitters .....	7
Auctioneer .....	1	Grain-inspectors .....	2
Artists .....	2	Harnessmakers .....	8
Bakers .....	53	Hatters .....	28
Barbers .....	17	Hostlers .....	16
Brakeman .....	1	Hotel-keeper .....	1
Brickmakers .....	12	Iron-rail makers .....	3
Bricklayers .....	17	Jewelers .....	6
Brewers .....	19	Laborers .....	1,916
Boilermakers .....	7	Lawyers .....	3
Broommakers .....	3	Lithographer .....	1
Blacksmiths .....	84	Locksmiths .....	6
Boatmen .....	18	Luabermen .....	6
Bookbinders .....	19	Machinists .....	55
Bootmakers .....	2	Marble-cutters .....	8
Butchers .....	76	Marble-polishers .....	2
Bookkeepers .....	21	Masons, stone .....	49
Basketmakers .....	3	Millers .....	14
Beltmaker .....	1	Millwrights .....	3
Book-fitters .....	3	Miners .....	36
Brushmakers .....	5	Moulders, iron .....	32
Carpenters .....	214	Moulder, brass .....	1
Cabinetmakers .....	64	Musicians .....	17
Calkers .....	2	Morocco-dressers .....	2
Carvers, wood .....	6	Nailmakers .....	5
Carriagemakers .....	13	Newsdealer .....	1
Carriage-trimmers .....	6	Needlemaker .....	1
Coachmen .....	5	Painters .....	106
Comb-maker .....	1	Pavers .....	3
Calico-printers .....	2	Peddlers .....	15
Chairmaker .....	10	Plumbers .....	8
Civil engineers .....	5	Plasterers .....	23
Copyist .....	1	Printers .....	61
Cigarmakers .....	43	Physicians .....	8
Clockmaker .....	3	Paperhangers .....	6
Clerks .....	116	Pistolmaker .....	1
Cooks .....	24	Puddlers, iron .....	11
Confectioners .....	6	Papernmakers .....	8
Coopers .....	86	Potters .....	2
Cutlers .....	4	Photographer .....	1
Conductor .....	1	Pocket-book maker .....	1
Coppersmiths .....	6	Pilots .....	5
Draymen and teamsters .....	21	Pipemaker, clay .....	1
Dentists .....	3	Quarrymen .....	40
Druggists .....	18	Railroaders .....	22
Dyers .....	9	Ropemakers .....	2
Engineers, steam .....	46	Salesmen .....	25
Farmers .....	670	Sailmakers .....	4
Fishermen .....	2	Sawyer's, wood .....	10
Florist .....	3	Seamen .....	44
Fresco-painters .....	2	Saddlers .....	13
File-cutter .....	1	Shoemakers .....	187
Finishers, brass .....	6	Silversmiths .....	3
Finishers, iron .....	2	Silver-platers .....	2
Finisher, leather .....	1	Ship-carpenters .....	5
Framemakers .....	5	Slate-roofer .....	1
Gardeners .....	77	Soapmakers .....	4
Glass-blowers .....	4	Soldiers .....	12
Gloymaker .....	1	Spimmers, cotton .....	2
Grainer .....	1	Spimmers, hair .....	2
Gilders .....	2	Spimmers, wool .....	8
Glaziers .....	2	Stage-drivers .....	10



Stonecutters.....	41	Watchmakers.....	3
Student.....	1	Wagonmakers.....	9
Tailors.....	127	Watchmen and police.....	6
Tanners.....	2	Waiters, hotel.....	9
Telegraph operators.....	3	Well-diggers.....	2
Tinsmiths.....	8	Wheelwrights.....	5
Tobacco-stripper.....	1	Whitewasher.....	1
Turners.....	5	Wire-workers.....	3
Type-founders.....	4	Wood-choppers.....	3
Umbrellamaker.....	1	Weavers.....	50
Upholsterers.....	4	Wigmaker.....	1
Varnishers.....	9		
Veterinary-surgeons.....	4	Total.....	5,093

*Question No. 11a.*

Of the whole number present December 31, 1878, how many could read and write, and how many could do neither? Of the latter, what per cent. were native and what per cent. were foreign born?—Answer. As near as can be ascertained, of the whole number present December 31, 1878, 3,097 could read and write, and 304 (including 40 blind men) could neither read nor write. Of the latter, native born, 19.42 per cent. Of the latter, foreign born, 80.58 per cent.

*Question No. 12.*

Of the whole number, how many have lost both hands?—Answer. 2.

Of the whole number, how many have lost both legs?—Answer. 2.

Of the whole number, how many have lost both leg and arm?—Answer. 1.

Of the whole number, how many have lost one arm?—Answer. 110.

Of the whole number, how many have lost one leg?—Answer. 139.

How many disabled by other wounds received or disease contracted in the service?—Answer. Including Mexican war and war of 1812, 4,839.

Total, 5,093.

In answer to questions Nos. 13, 14, 15, and 16, the surgeon makes the following report:

*Question No. 13.*

How many are blind, totally or partially?—Answer. 163; as follows:

Totally blind, 53; partially blind, 110.

*Question No. 14.*

How many insane, totally or partially?—Answer. 63.

How many of these were sent to insane asylum?—Answer. To Government Hospital for Insane, 9.

*Question No. 15.*

How many have been treated in hospital during the year?—Answer. 995, for the following diseases:

Abscesses.....	10	Bronchitis.....	19
Alcoholism.....	37	Burns.....	3
Amputations.....	5	Cancer.....	5
Apoplexy.....	4	Cataract.....	1
Asthma.....	18	Catarrhal fever.....	22
Attempted suicide.....	3	Cephalalgia.....	2
Boils.....	5	Cholera morbus.....	5

Chorea .....	3	Incontinence of urine .....	4
Colic .....	5	Injuries .....	13
Consumption .....	150	Insanity .....	63
Contusion .....	7	Intermittent fever .....	50
Cystitis .....	5	Lacerated wounds .....	4
Debility .....	52	Locomotor ataxia .....	5
Diarrhea .....	28	Lumbago .....	7
Diphtheria .....	4	Nephritis .....	2
Disease of brain .....	4	Nervous debility .....	13
Disease of eyes .....	27	Neuralgia .....	19
Disease of heart .....	11	Old age .....	36
Disease of spine .....	3	Old wounds .....	11
Dislocations .....	6	Opium habit .....	3
Dropsy .....	8	Orchitis .....	4
Dysentery .....	12	Paralysis .....	96
Dyspepsia .....	11	Paraphimosis .....	1
Eczema .....	3	Parafitis .....	2
Epilepsy .....	78	Phymosis .....	2
Epistaxis .....	3	Plenritis .....	8
Erysipelas .....	6	Pneumonia .....	10
Fistula in ano .....	4	Poisoning .....	1
Fractures .....	13	Prostration .....	1
Frost-bite .....	3	Remittent fever .....	3
Gastritis .....	5	Retention of urine .....	2
Gonorrhea .....	4	Rheumatism .....	94
Hay fever .....	1	Stroke .....	2
Hemorrhage of lungs .....	4	Sprains .....	4
Hemorrhoids .....	5	Syphilis .....	13
Hepatitis .....	13	Tonsilitis .....	2
Hernia .....	7	Ulcers .....	34
Hydrocele .....	8	Vertigo .....	4
Hypochondria .....	2		

How many treated in quarters?—Answer. At surgeons' call in barracks a daily average of 45 men are prescribed for.

#### Question No. 16.

How many have died during the year?—Answer. 200, of the following diseases:

Alcoholism .....	1	Hæmoptysis .....	2
Apoplexy .....	6	Hepatitis .....	5
Cancer .....	7	Inflammation of bowels .....	1
Consumption .....	61	Injuries .....	3
Congestion of lungs .....	1	Nervous exhaustion .....	1
Chronic diarrhea .....	1	Nephritis .....	1
Cystitis .....	1	Old age .....	12
Debility .....	2	Old wounds .....	2
Disease of brain .....	7	Paralysis .....	18
Disease of heart .....	8	Pneumonia .....	4
Disease of hips .....	1	Railroad accident .....	1
Disease of spine .....	1	Septicæmia .....	1
Dropsy .....	5	Suicide .....	2
Drowned .....	1	Died on furlough, cause death unknown .....	27
Dysentery .....	11		
Epilepsy .....	6	Total .....	200

Percentage of deaths as compared with the whole number cared for during the past three years.

	Number cared for.	Deaths.	Per cent.
Year ending December 31, 1878 .....	5, 093	200	3.93
Year ending December 31, 1877 .....	4, 623	174	3.72
Year ending December 31, 1876 .....	4, 184	155	3.70

I certify that the foregoing report is correct.

J. M. WEAVER, *Surgeon*,

*Question No. 16b.*

What are your rules as to baths and bathing?—Answer. Every man in the Home, outside of the hospital, is required to bathe at least once a week, making over five hundred baths per day, in barracks. The hospital is also fully supplied with bath-tubs and hot and cold water, which are used as directed by the surgeon.

## LAUNDRY.

The laundry and linen-room have been in successful operation during the past year, turning out weekly 23,753 pieces washed, pressed, and mended, as per the following report of Mrs. E. L. Miller, matron:

*Report of the operations of the laundry for year ending December 31, 1878.*

Aprons washed .....	91,548	Shirts, cotton.....	205,240
Bedsacks .....	1,304	Shirts, wool under- .....	13,446
Blouses .....	333	Socks, pairs .....	88,178
Blankets .....	2,027	Trowsers, uniform .....	603
Counterpanes .....	7,395	Table-covers .....	20,906
Drawers, cotton .....	167,942	Towels, roller .....	112,732
Drawers, wool .....	155	Towels, hand .....	232,414
Gowns .....	217		
Handkerchiefs .....	21,770	Total pieces washed and	
Pillow-cases .....	149,092	pressed during the year...	1,235,177
Sheets, linen .....	119,875		

All underclothing and bedding when washed are thoroughly inspected in the linen-room, repaired when needed, and reissued good as new

EMMA L. MILLER, *Matron.*

*Question No. 17.*

1. How many have received pensions?—Answer. 1,675.
2. What is the total amount received during the year?—Answer. \$175,732.61.
3. How much of this was retained in any way for any purpose by the Home?—Answer. \$28,108.83.
4. How much was sent or used for benefit of dependent wife, child, mother, or sister?—Answer. Actually sent by treasurer, \$69,680.63. Estimated amount sent by beneficiaries themselves, \$40,931.36.
5. How much is still held by the Home in trust for the pensioner?—Answer. \$64,421.82.
6. What amount of interest has been received or is receivable on pensions for the year?—Answer. \$1,855.32.

The period included in preparing these answers by the Home treasurer is from December 31, 1877, to December 31, 1878, except that relating to interest, which is from October 1, 1877, to October 1, 1878.

The amount given in answer to the fourth question has been obtained from the records of the treasurer's office, and does not include a large sum which has certainly been sent to relatives by the pensioners themselves, which I estimate at one-half the amount paid to them, or \$40,931.36.

*Question No. 18.*

What mechanical trades have been carried on at Central Branch during the year?—Answer:

Blacksmithing.	Plumbing and gasfitting.
Bookbinding.	Printing.
Brush-making.	Shoemaking.
Carpenter and cabinet-making.	Soap-making.
Cigar-making.	Tailoring.
Knitting.	Tin-smithing.
Painting and glazing.	Upholstering.



How many men have been so employed?—Answer. 327.

What has been the total product of their labor?—Answer. \$125,630.59.

What the net profits, if any, of same?—Answer. \$17,075.22.

*Summary of mechanical trades carried on at the Central Branch during the year.*

	Expendi- ture.	Men em- ployed.	Product.	Profit.
Book-binding.....	\$318 10	4	\$435 12	\$117 11
Brush-factory.....	686 88	7	1,099 64	412 76
Blacksmith-shop.....	2,215 21	7	2,580 08	364 87
Cabinet and carpenter shop.....	36,934 97	74	38,762 45	1,827 48
Cigar-shop.....	27,295 23	95	28,443 37	1,148 14
Harness-shop.....	1,008 79	2	877 06	(*)
Knitting-shop.....	6,291 08	24	8,129 16	1,838 08
Paint-shop.....	5,584 16	42	7,061 78	1,477 62
Plumbing and gasfitting shop.....	4,893 32	8	7,749 89	2,856 57
Printing-office.....	2,876 48	4	2,876 48	.....
Shoe-shop.....	4,226 55	20	5,884 98	1,658 43
Soap-shop†.....	5,405 54	1	7,284 89	1,879 35
Tin-shop.....	1,835 32	6	3,859 57	2,024 25
Tailor-shop.....	7,651 39	25	8,409 63	758 33
Upholster-shop.....	1,332 53	8	2,176 49	843 96
	108,555 46	327	125,630 59	17,075 22

Harness-shop shows a loss of \$131.73, owing to the shop fixtures, stock, and tools having been destroyed by fire on the night of the 13th November, 1878.

†The soap-shop shows only one man employed, for the reason that all the labor of soap-making is performed by the employes of the laundry.

### Question No. 19.

What has been the total product of your farm and garden, and the net profit, if any, for the year?—Answer. \$11,619.83; net profit, \$2,495.37.

Below is a tabular statement of the product upon which the above profit is based.

### Statement.

Class of articles.	Number of quantity.	Amount.
Apples.....	bushels..... 992	\$378 20
Asparagus.....	bunches..... 64	1 14
Beans.....	quarts..... 11,034	165 51
Beans.....	pounds..... 120	3 00
Beets.....	bushels..... 444	162 55
Beets.....	bunches..... 700	7 00
Carrots.....	bushels..... 151	93 50
Cabbage.....	heads..... 24,810	805 90
Celery.....	dozen..... 707	283 20
Catchup.....	gallons..... 504	403 20
Currants.....	quarts..... 1,872	131 04
Cucumbers.....	dozen..... 697	69 70
Corn (green).....	do..... 3,054	129 99
Corn fodder.....	tons..... 40	200 00
Grapes.....	pounds..... 5,600	172 00
Gooseberries.....	quarts..... 1,820	118 80
Hay.....	tons..... 200	1,600 00
Horseradish.....	gallons..... 96	51 10
Kraut (sauer).....	barrels..... 70	304 00
Lettuce.....	bunches..... 10,480	104 80
Mangoes.....	dozen..... 5	50
Onions.....	bunches..... 17,042	212 37
Onions.....	bushels..... 939	484 05
Pickled onions.....	gallons..... 1,198	191 68
Cattle.....	pasturing.....	400 00
Sheep.....	do.....	218 75
Parsley.....	bushels..... 52½	39 57
Parsnips.....	do..... 687	417 45
Pickles.....	gallons..... 595	103 90
Potatoes.....	bushels..... 438	212 35
Potatoes (sweet).....	barrels..... 34	51 00

*Statement—Continued.*

Class of articles.	Number or quantity.	Amount.
Pease (green).....quarts.....	10, 772	\$134 65
Peaches.....bushels.....	15	20 25
Pears.....do.....	4	6 00
Rhubarb.....bunches.....	3, 607	42 14
Radishes.....do.....	700	7 00
Squash.....dozen.....	1, 510	302 50
Tomatoes.....bushels.....	494	149 20
Tomatoes (canned).....pounds.....	17, 928	537 84
Turnips.....bushels.....	58	17 40
Wood.....cords.....	220	880 00
		9, 613 23
Flowers sold for cash during the year.....		2, 006 60
Total.....		11, 619 83

*Question No. 20.*

What has been the total number of men employed at the Central Branch during the year for pay?—Answer. 1,974.

What was the total amount paid them for services?—Answer. \$100,958.97.

NATIONAL HOME FOR DISABLED VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS,  
CENTRAL BRANCH.

December 31, 1878.

DEAR SIR: I have the honor to submit my report as chaplain and librarian for the year 1878.

*Question No. 21.*

Answer. The Putnam Library has 4,108 volumes; increase during the year, 351. The George H. Thomas Library has 6,260 volumes; increase during the year, 329. Total in Thomas and Putnam libraries, 10,368. Total addition, 681.

The number of newspapers, magazines, &c., now coming to reading-room is 267, classified as follows: Dailies, 56; semi-weeklies, 5; weeklies, 174; monthlies, 32.

These are printed in English, German, French, Spanish, and Scandinavian.

Total number of books read by the men of the Home during the year, 43,433.

Average attendance at reading-room, about 900. Number in attendance from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m., about 150.

*Question No. 22.*

Answer. Number attending school during year, including telegraphy, 106. Branches taught: Arithmetic, algebra, bookkeeping, geography, grammar, history, Latin, penmanship, reading, spelling, and wood-carving.

Number fitted to earn their own living, 4.

*Question No. 23.*

Answer. Religious services are held regularly in the Home church, as follows: Sabbath-school at 9 o'clock, a. m.; preaching at 10.30 o'clock a. m. and at 7 o'clock p. m.; also in the Hospital chapel, for those unable to attend church preaching, at 3 o'clock p. m. each Sunday.

Catholic services are held semi-monthly by priests from the city of Dayton. German ministers of different denominations frequently preach to the German residents of the Home.

The Home Christian Association numbers at this time nearly 300. All the services have increased attendance.

The temperance societies—"Good Templars," "Sons of Temperance," "Murphies and Red Ribbon Brigade"—in all, number over 800 members.

The ladies of the Home's Christian Temperance League, of the city of Dayton, have faithfully held their semi-monthly meetings at the Home during the year.

The Grand Army of the Republic is in better condition than at any time in the past, having a membership of about 200.

The "German Veteran Association," organized for mutual improvement, is in successful operation, numbering about 100 members.

The "Hibernian Benevolent Society" holds regular meetings and is in a prosperous condition.

The "Historical and Monumental Society" is successful in carrying out the purposes of its organization, and will add largely to the beauty and value of the monument in the future.

The "Brown Guard," as an organization, is, as ever, a most valuable and pleasant feature of the Home. In a word, it is a splendid addition to the military aspect of this great institution.

#### Question No. 24.

The amusement hall has been a constant means of amusement and pleasure to the men of the Home. Gambling is positively prohibited.

The outdoor amusements have been, during the pleasant months of the year, greatly beneficial to those who were able to participate. Much has been done from time to time to make the Home in every way enjoyable to those who have taken advantage of its benefits.

In conclusion, I feel doubly bound to record our sincere thanks to Mrs. Mary Lowell Putnam for her very valuable addition to the Putnam Library during the year.

Thanking you, colonel, for your many kindnesses,

I am, respectfully,

WILLIAM EARNSHAW,  
*Chaplain and Librarian.*

Col. E. F. BROWN, *Governor.*

#### Question No. 24.

The construction and repairs of buildings and adornment and improvement of the grounds during the year ending December 31, 1878, are as follows:

Balance on three frame barracks erected in 1877 .....	\$962 13
Two new brick barracks.....	15,791 29
Frame residence for farmer .....	1,174 00
Three ice-houses .....	3,109 70
Addition to kitchen and bakery.....	716 56
Kitchen at governor's residence.....	493 32
Addition to slaughter-house.....	627 20
Hospital kitchen, balance to complete it.....	105 22
Hospital porches .....	866 10
Increased water-supply.....	13,077 31
Extending steam-heating apparatus to the church, memorial hall, new barracks, and to the governor's residence.....	3,608 55
One thousand feet rubber hose.....	990 00
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	41,521 38
In addition to the foregoing there was expended in the completion of memorial hall during the year.....	12,454 19
Which sum has been paid from posthumous, store, and contingent funds.	
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Total.....	53,975 57

The engineer department has performed an immense amount of work during the past year in extending steam and water to the several buildings and keeping the same in perfect running order, by which means the sleeping apartments, shops, memorial hall, and hospital have been kept comfortably warm during the recent cold weather. While the outside temperature for days together ranged many degrees below zero we were enabled to keep up a summer heat in almost all the buildings. The following principal items will give an idea of the extent of the work performed in this department during the year, viz:

Three thousand feet steam-main (on the Holly system), wrapped and incased in timber pump-logs, laid in tile-drained ditches, with brick-lined casings for junction boxes every 100 feet, extending from central boiler-house west 1,150 feet to the new brick barracks, east and north



to memorial hall and church 850 feet, and south to the governor's residence 1,000 feet, with 1,800 feet of return pipes, all in successful operation.

Six hundred feet steam-pipe, extending from hospital boiler-house to epileptic wards.

Three hundred feet each 2 and 4 inch pipe, put into the hospital to replace steam and water pipes put in there several years ago and which had become too small.

Three hundred feet 4-inch water-pipe from western main to hospital supplied with fire-hydrants; 2,000 feet 4-inch water-main from new water-works through the Campus Martins to the center of the camp supplied with fire-hydrants; 2,050 feet 2-inch pipe from new well to the center of the camp for the purpose of conveying spring-water for drinking and cooking purposes; 300 feet 4-inch main put into memorial hall with fire apparatus complete; 200 feet 3-inch pipe connecting eastern water-main with the conservatories; 11,000 feet additional iron pipe, assorted sizes, for steam, gas, and water and repairs have been used during the year; and 1,000 feet of stone drain-tile laid, requiring in all 18,875 feet of ditching at an average depth of four feet.

In the improvements of the grounds 16,824 linear feet of paved gutters have been constructed, 3,675 feet of gravel walks 7 feet wide, 1,500 forest-trees planted, 5,000 shrubs planted, 50,000 catalpa seedlings one year old transplanted, and 35 flower-beds laid out.

The new buildings erected and improvements of the old have increased the capacity of the Central Branch 300 beds.

What number can you care for at your branch having due reference to health and comfort?—Answer. Three thousand five hundred.

What is the number actually present December 31, 1878?—A. Three thousand four hundred and one.

Will the number in your opinion increase or diminish during the next three months?—Answer. It will certainly increase; the net increase to numbers present has averaged three per day for some time past, and this is likely to continue for the next three months. I should not be surprised if we had 3,600 men present by April 1, next.

Can you properly care for all who will apply during the present winter?—Answer. The two new brick barracks when completed will give us comfortable quarters for 3,500 men, and by occupying the amusement hall, Brown Guard armory, and continuing the use of the old hospital ward, which we have not yet been able to dispense with, we can care for 3,600.

#### *Question No. 24e.*

From your experience and knowledge of the subject, give your opinion as to the number of disabled soldiers who will seek admission during the next ten years. Will they increase or diminish?—Answer. In answer to this question I would give the same opinion expressed in my report for 1877, page 71, viz:

The numbers will increase for some time to come, but under the law now governing admissions, requiring as a condition wounds received or disease contracted in the service, the numbers must decrease during the next decade, for most of those now living and suffering from wounds received and disease contracted in the service will have passed away.

#### *Question No. 25.*

What influence, if any, have the improvements of the buildings, adornment of the grounds, and the several opportunities for labor, instruction,

and amusements, &c., had upon the men? Is discipline made easier? Are the men improved in character and morals? Are the men contented and happy?—Answer. The continued improvements of the buildings and grounds, together with the facilities for employment afforded by the several shops and other departments of the Home, added to our excellent library, school, memorial hall, and various amusements, have a marked influence on the character and morals of the men, and undoubtedly tend to their contentment and happiness.

Our new music hall, which was completed and formally opened by the honorable Board of Managers and the President of the United States September 12, 1878, has all the appointments of a first-class theater, with a seating capacity of 1,500. We have already had twenty-six entertainments, and many of them of a high order of merit. The National Dramatic Company, the National Minstrels, and German Veteran Association, composed of beneficiaries and a few kind ladies from the city, contributed largely to the entertainment of their comrades during the present winter, for which each and every member of these organizations deserve special mention if space would admit. The Shakspeare and Davenport Clubs, of Cincinnati, and the Dayton Reading Club merit our warmest thanks for favoring us with three excellent plays. Hon. E. T. Carson, of Cincinnati, for exhibition of dissolving views of Europe; Mrs. R. W. Richey and friends, of Cincinnati, who gave us the opera Admiral's Daughter. In addition to which we have had twelve entertainments from outside professional and amateur companies, all of which were well attended.

Our Home is still the center of attraction for the neighboring States and the objective point for many excursions from various localities.

During the past season 62 regular excursions arrived here by rail; 10 reunions of regiments and military organizations from Ohio, Kentucky, and New York; 5 Masonic reunions; 1 Independent Order of Odd Fellows; 1 Knights of Pythias. 115,160 visitors admitted to the Home grounds during the year, and 26,354 vehicles containing visitors entered at the several gates of the Home during the year.

#### *Question No. 26.*

What has been the total current or running expenses of your branch during the year? What the average cost of ration? What the average cost of keeping each man in the Home per annum?—Answer. Total current or running expenses during the year ending December 31, 1878, including cost of all uniform-clothing and underclothing issued to the men, and excluding construction and repairs, \$375,881.83. Average cost per capita, including clothing, \$118.50. Total current or running expenses, deducting cost of clothing, \$305,123.10. Average cost per capita, deducting cost of clothing, \$96.19. Average cost of clothing per capita, \$22.31. Average cost of ration for the year, 17.03 cents.

Below I submit statement showing how the figures were obtained in determining the cost of keeping each man. This statement is taken from the ledger accounts of the various abstract letters, and exhibits all the charges to each, including internal vouchers between the several departments of the Home.

Statement showing how the figures were obtained in determining the cost of keeping each man at Central Branch, National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, for the year ending December 31, 1878.

Abstracts.		First quarter.	Second quarter.	Third quarter.	Fourth quarter.	Total.	Credits.	Difference.	Excesses.
A	Subsistence	\$51,154 76	\$19,040 51	\$46,556 75	\$51,664 60	\$198,416 62			
B	Construction and repairs	19,161 23	29,435 45	24,856 86	42,714 70	116,168 24		\$116,168 24	
C	Stable	16,348 76	15,378 01	17,298 73	18,772 63	67,797 53			\$7,469 32
D	Personal property	1,965 12	8,707 69	9,222 77	391 14	3,897 30			
E	Current expenses	8,153 92	1,366 98	9,760 38	8,974 77	35,596 56			
F	Incidental	960 51	1,366 98	1,046 92	1,098 53	4,472 94			
G	Transportation	4,178 65	5,133 00	5,721 49	4,196 21	19,328 75			
H	Clothing	15,759 12	14,129 01	18,623 44	23,495 57	72,007 14			
I	Hospital supplies	3,609 85	3,514 60	3,913 91	3,911 53	14,979 89			
K	Farm and garden	2,018 80	3,536 43	3,093 95	2,922 90	11,572 08			
L	Household expenses	16,209 48	19,051 66	10,968 15	15,603 14	61,832 43			
M	Manufactures	20,615 76	21,236 28	18,970 22	19,400 74	80,223 00			
	Total	160,135 36	171,057 89	161,563 37	193,445 86	686,202 48			
								306,400 28	16,566 13

NOTE. The above accounts are taken from ledger accounts in my office, with the exception of Abstracts A and H, which are from reports of steward and treasurer.

R. E. FLEMING, *Secret ary.*

*Average cost of keeping each man per annum, including value of clothing issued for year ending December 31, 1878.*

Total expenditure for the four quarters ending December 31, 1878.	\$686202.48
Less credits shown on accompanying table .....	194152.41
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Less construction and repairs .....	116168.24
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*Average cost of keeping each man per annum, deducting value of clothing issued for year ending December 31, 1878.*

Total expenditure for the four quarters ending December 31, 1878..	\$686202.48
Less credits .....	194152.41
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	492050.07
Less construction and repairs .....	116168.24
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	375881.83
Less cost of clothing .....	70758.73
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*Summary of charges on account of transportation received at Central Branch, National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, during the year ending December 31, 1878.*

Month.	Personal accounts.		Home accounts.		Total.	
January .....	\$1, 176 40		\$278 66		\$1, 455 06	
February .....	801 80		258 65		860 45	
March .....	664 80		167 70		832 50	
		\$2, 442 00		\$705 01		\$3, 148 01
April .....	1, 659 40		231 15		1, 890 55	
May .....	1, 695 60		240 60		1, 936 20	
June .....	1, 350 27		284 10		1, 634 37	
		4, 705 27		755 85		5, 461 12
July .....	1, 900 10		304 95		2, 205 05	
August .....	960 30		399 80		1, 360 10	
September .....	1, 088 50		228 55		1, 317 05	
		3, 948 90		933 30		4, 882 20
October .....	960 52		410 33		1, 370 85	
November .....	604 10		306 95		911 05	
December .....	1, 126 80		225 30		1, 352 10	
		2, 691 42		942 58		3, 634 00
		13, 788 59		3, 336 74		17, 125 33
Total, 1878 .....						



*Report showing quantity and value of clothing issued and sold for year ending December 31, 1878.*

	Donated.	Value.	Sold.	Value.	Total.	Value.
Blouses, lined .....	4,074	\$8,677 62	97	\$206 61	4,171	\$8,884 23
Blouses, fabricated .....	24	96 00	.....	.....	24	96 00
Blouses, unlined .....	162	286 74	.....	.....	162	286 74
Boots, pairs .....	2,031	4,204 17	143	296 01	2,174	4,500 18
Boots, fabricated .....	23	14 20	.....	.....	23	14 20
Caps .....	1,987	874 28	26	11 44	2,013	885 72
Coats, dress .....	2,261	12,548 55	18	99 90	2,279	12,648 45
Coats, great .....	1,207	6,433 31	7	37 31	1,214	6,470 62
Hats, uniform .....	1,151	1,151 00	10	10 00	1,161	1,161 00
Shoes, pairs .....	1,445	1,734 00	169	202 89	1,614	1,936 80
Shoes, fabricated .....	11	40 50	.....	.....	11	40 50
Trowsers, pairs .....	3,963	8,322 30	147	308 70	4,110	8,631 00
Trowsers, fabricated .....	88	385 00	.....	.....	88	385 00
Drawers, cotton .....	12,163	6,621 50	.....	.....	12,163	6,621 50
Artillery jackets .....	40	100 00	.....	.....	40	100 00
Shirts, cotton .....	2,110	1,050 00	.....	.....	2,110	1,050 00
Shirts, wool flannel .....	1,300	1,000 00	.....	.....	1,300	1,000 00
Shirts, wool .....	14,824	11,312 00	.....	.....	14,824	11,312 00
Socks, pairs .....	22,788	5,697 00	.....	.....	22,788	5,697 00
Frocks, stable .....	12	9 00	.....	.....	12	9 00
Gowns, dressing .....	200	150 00	.....	.....	200	150 00
Overalls, pairs .....	65	104 00	2	3 20	67	107 20
Ponchous, rubber .....	19	19 00	1	1 00	20	20 00
Total .....	.....	70,830 17	.....	1,176 97	.....	72,007 14

NOTE.—Cash received by treasurer on account of clothing amounted to \$1,248.41, or \$71.44 more than the sales during the year.

*Summary of the principal articles of subsistence purchased during the year.*

	Quantities.	Average price.	Total cost.
		<i>Cents.</i>	
Apples, green .....	bushel.. 1,968	54.92	\$1,080 75
Beef, fresh .....	pounds.. 493,742	6.95	34,333 73
Beef, corned .....	do 74,071	5.00	3,707 73
Beets .....	bushels.. 500	45.63	228 15
Butter .....	pounds.. 177,840	18.62	33,128 83
Cabbage .....	heads.. 41,614	4.02	1,674 40
Cheese .....	pounds.. 30,372	9.66	2,932 91
Chickens .....	number.. 2,783	23.87	663 19
Coffee .....	pounds.. 85,382	17.59	15,121 38
Crackers .....	do 15,065	5.91	890 90
Eggs .....	dozen.. 28,203	12.02	3,391 48
Fish, fresh and salt .....	pounds.. 71,010	5.05	3,592 85
Flour .....	barrels.. 4,144	513.00	21,261 33
Fruit .....	bushels.. 966	2.02	1,957 66
Ham .....	pounds.. 71,131	8.16	6,517 00
Lard .....	do 22,284	7.88	1,647 65
Milk .....	gallons.. 51,492	15.09	8,874 70
Mutton .....	pounds.. 82,225	8.06	6,629 79
Molasses and sirup .....	gallons.. 6,539	40.74	2,664 00
Onions .....	bushels.. 2,495	51.54	1,275 99
Potatoes .....	do 13,193	55.24	7,288 96
Pork loins .....	pounds.. 54,533	4.15	2,264 04
Prunes .....	do 4,017	8.85	355 84
Rice .....	do 15,451	6.74	1,043 79
Shoulders .....	do 108,613	5.41	5,883 62
Sugar, brown .....	do 104,135	7.71	8,035 37
Sugar, A. ....	do 21,621	9.48	2,051 11
Tea .....	do 8,809	34.34	3,024 17
Tomatoes, canned .....	do 23,911	3.16	757 15
Tobacco, chewing and smoking .....	do 16,258	38.83	6,314 16
Turnips .....	bushels.. 1,170	37.25	447 04
Vinegar .....	gallons.. 3,687	13.27	488 34
Wheat, pearl .....	pounds.. 7,000	3.68	258 15
Total cost .....	.....	.....	189,786 76

Number of beef cattle purchased ..... 828  
 Number of sheep (mutton) purchased ..... 1,898

*Summary statement of value of subsistence stores received, issued, and remaining on hand at Central Branch, National Home for Disabled Volunteers, during the year ending December 31, 1878.*

	DR.	CR.
To value of stock on hand .....	\$5,552 28	
To cash for purchases.....	148,299 65	
To cash value of stores received from Ast. C.....	49,432 29	
To cash value of stores received from Ast. K.....	6,316 15	
To cash value of transportation, Ast. O.....	995 62	
To cash value of transportation from cigar-shop.....	1,793 92	
To cash salary of steward .....	1,399 92	
To wages bakers and employes in subsistence department...	2,517 80	
To freight, express, and incidental expenses .....	333 68	
By value of issues to beneficiaries .....		\$198,416 62
By value of sales to officers, employes, &c.....		8,687 33
By value of stores issued extra.....		745 17
By cash and value of grease and garbage sold, &c.....		3,406 83
By value stores expended.....		79 31
By value stores on hand .....		5,306 05
	216,641 31	216,641 31

The following is the cost of the ration for the quarters and for the year ending December 31, 1878:

	Number of rations issued.	Average price.	Total cost.
		<i>Cents.</i>	
First quarter.....	289,209	17.69	\$51,154 76
Second quarter.....	278,994	17.58	49,040 51
Third quarter.....	287,772	16.18	46,556 75
Fourth quarter.....	305,774	16.90	51,664 60
Total for the year.....	1,161,749	17.08	198,416 62

I certify that the foregoing report is correct.

WILLIAM THOMPSON,  
*Steward.*

#### STORE FUND.

*Cash receipts and expenditures Home store, year ending December 31, 1878.*

	DR.	CR.
To cash on hand January 1, 1878 .....	\$153 40	
To cash received for merchandise .....	24,136 80	
To cash received for store checks by sales from merchandise.....	16,038 78	
To cash received from George A. Blocher for carrying mail.....	405 00	
To cash received from amusements.....	642 31	
By cash expended for merchandise .....		\$28,505 11
By cash expended for expenses .....		3,030 47
By cash expended for profit and loss .....		2,104 93
By cash expended for library .....		657 21
By cash expended for subsistence .....		88 14
By cash expended for manufactures .....		240 90
By cash expended for store checks redeemed.....		364 38
By cash expended for memorial hall.....		5,405 62
By cash expended for amusements .....		902 36
Cash balance December 31, 1878.....		77 17
	41,376 29	41,376 29

I certify that the above is a correct statement of receipts and expenditures for the time stated.

R. E. FLEMING,  
*Secretary.*

*National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, Central Branch—Balance-sheet Home store for the year ending December 31, 1878.*

Folio.	Ledger accounts.	Ledger footings.		Ledger differences.		Inventory.	Representative.		Stock.		Real.	
		Dr.	Cr.	Dr.	Cr.		Losses.	Gains.	Dr.	Cr.	Dr.	Cr.
185	Merchandise.....	\$42,846 16	\$40,226 03	\$2,620 13		\$11,402 10		\$8,781 97			\$11,402 10	
207	Cash.....	41,376 29	41,239 12	77 17							77 17	
292	Store checks.....	16,038 78	16,038 78									
173	Stocks.....		10,263 16		\$10,263 16					\$10,263 16		
284	Profit and loss.....	12,282 78	895 13	11,387 15			\$11,387 15					
168	Manufactures.....		1,125 00		1,125 00							\$1,125 00
164	Subsistence.....		2,162 77		2,162 77							2,162 77
194	William Kirfaber & Bro.....		536 37		536 37							536 37
390	Walker, McGraw & Co.....	2 85		2 85							2 85	
	Total.....	112,546 86	112,546 36	14,087 30	14,087 30	11,402 10			\$2,605 18			
	By stock.....							2,605 18				
	Total.....						11,387 15	11,387 15				
	To balance net stock.....								7,657 98			7,657 98
	Total.....								10,213 16	10,213 16	11,482 12	11,482 12

I certify that the above is a correct balance-sheet for the time stated.

R. E. FLEMING, Secretary.

*Cash receipts and expenditures, contingent fund, year ending December 31, 1878.*

	DR.	CR.
To cash balance January 1, 1878.....	\$1,358 25	
To cash received for fines.....	5,135 61	
By remission of fines to beneficiaries in consideration of subsequent good conduct.....		\$2,930 80
By cash expended for amusements.....		195 89
By cash loaned to fund for the construction of memorial hall.....		1,750 00
By cash for profit and loss, and for newspapers furnished the various offices of the Home, shops, &c., for lectures, telegrams, transportation for impecunious inmates to and from their homes, for costumes, dramas, music, &c., Home Dramatic Club, National Minstrels, for decorating buildings 4th July and on reception of honorable Board of Managers, when on their annual visit to the Home, books for library, &c.....		1,103 57
By cash balance December 31, 1878.....		513 60
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	6,493 86	6,493 86

I certify that the above is a correct statement of receipts and expenditures for the time stated.

R. E. FLEMING,  
Secretary.

*Statement of the number of offenses committed at the Central Branch, National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, during year ending December 31, 1878.*

3,754 men committed no offenses.....	3,754
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713 men committed 1 offense.....	713
298 men committed 2 offenses.....	596
158 men committed 3 offenses.....	474
72 men committed 4 offenses.....	288
36 men committed 5 offenses.....	180
18 men committed 6 offenses.....	108
17 men committed 7 offenses.....	119
4 men committed 8 offenses.....	32
6 men committed 9 offenses.....	54
2 men committed 10 offenses.....	20
1 man committed 11 offenses.....	11
1 man committed 12 offenses.....	12
1 man committed 13 offenses.....	13
4 men committed 14 offenses.....	56
4 men committed 15 offenses.....	60
1 man committed 16 offenses.....	16
1 man committed 17 offenses.....	17
1 man committed 19 offenses.....	19
1 man committed 22 offenses.....	22
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1,339 Total number of offenses.....	2,810
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Committed no offenses.....	3,754
Committed offenses.....	1,339
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Total number cared for, year 1878 ..... 5,093

The following copies of post returns marked A, B, C, D, and E, for the four quarters and for the year ending December 31, 1878, and statement of the average number of beneficiaries present, absent, sick, total gain and loss from all causes, with the whole number cared for each year since the Home was established, marked F, will be found of interest to you, and are respectfully submitted.





*The National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, Central Branch—Post return for the quarter ending June 30, 1878.*

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*The National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, Central Branch—Post-return for the year ending December 31, 1878.*

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Table exhibiting the average number of beneficiaries present, absent, and sick; the total gain and loss from all causes; the number present on November 30 each year, and the whole number of beneficiaries cared for during each year since the establishment of the Central Branch to and including December 31, 1877 and 1878.

Year ending December 31, 1878.	Average number present and absent during each year.	Average number present during each year.	Average number sick in hospital, including attendance during each year.	Average number absent with leave during each year.	Average number absent without leave during each year.	Gain each year.				Total gain.
						By admission.	By readmission.	By transfer from other branches.	By return from desertion.	
1867	403	361	126	22	14	616				616
1868	732	602	168	111	8	630	26	103		759
1869	1,059	837	208	162	9	872	52			924
1870	1,305	935	261	357	10	657	62	11		730
1871	1,575	1,122	284	407	9	738	66	6		810
1872	1,669	1,271	295	381	17	693	65	30		788
1873	1,874	1,443	306	401	8	765	131	51		947
1874	2,346	1,833	324	499	7	893	159	79		1,131
1875	2,651	2,130	311	494	5	978	98	119		1,195
1876	3,075	2,511	322	548	12	1,044	229	64		1,337
1877	3,398	2,819	333	589	12	1,134	201	75		1,410
1878	3,813	3,172	346	637	12	1,041	290	61	2	1,394
Total						10,061	1,379	599	2	12,041

Year ending December 31, 1878.	Loss during each year.						Total number present and absent November 30 of each year, and to December 31, 1877 and 1878.	Whole number of beneficiaries cared for during each year.
	By discharge.	By dishonorable discharge.	By transfer to other branches.	By transfer to Government Insane Asylum.	By death.	By desertion.		
1867	65						65	616
1868	349	14	41		27	20	451	1,320
1869	415	24	53		42	35	569	1,793
1870	320	9	30		72	78	509	1,954
1871	395	11	111		70	23	610	2,255
1872	524	18	31		104	30	707	2,426
1873	326	18	49	22	108	16	539	2,664
1874	410	26	77	4	130	34	681	3,255
1875	617	28	50	19	150	58	922	3,769
1876	642	25	54	17	155	78	971	4,184
1877	565	18	72	27	174	68	924	4,623
1878	651	22	79	9	200	71	1,032	5,093
Total	5,279	213	647	98	1,232	511	7,980	

Including nine men summarily discharged.

As the year 1878 closes and 1879 begins, it becomes us to refer to the kind care and disinterested solicitude manifested by the honorable Board of Managers in the work of the Central Branch for the year just closing. It is a matter of congratulation that no disabled soldier has been refused the comforts of shelter, food, and clothing who has applied at this Home, and none have been sent away except they have recovered or forfeited their right by misconduct.

Congress may properly demand that the liberal appropriations which from year to year are placed at the disposal of the honorable Board of

Managers shall be so dispensed that no injustice shall be done to the wards of the nation. There seems to be a growing interest with both people and Congress in the welfare of those who served them in the time of greatest need, and thereby lost the ability to properly support themselves and families by manual labor. The year which closes to-day ends the tenth year of my services at this branch. Some of the officers now associated with me have served longer than I, and if it might be considered a compliment, I would say far better than myself. This is the case with Col. J. B. Thomas, treasurer, Rev. William Earnshaw, chaplain, and Mrs. Emma L. Miller, matron, who have served each in their respective positions for more than eleven years. This, too, in positions of honor, trust, and responsibility, and no greater compliment could be paid them than that your honorable board desires them to continue their work. All the other officers of this branch are entitled to the commendation of "Well done, good and faithful servants." I cannot, however, admonish them to "rest from their labors," as *they* seem to increase from day to day. It may not be considered inappropriate to direct the attention of the honorable secretary of the board to the efficiency, industry, and exemplary deportment of the non-commissioned staff officers, clerks, and sergeants of the several barracks. Many of them have served faithfully for many years. Their universal good deportment, strict observance of all rules and regulations, and prompt attention to the duties of their respective positions entitle them to the highest commendation. This is true, also, of a large majority, indeed I might say of nearly all beneficiaries of this branch. Intentional or vicious infractions of established rules and orders are the exception. The few dishonorable discharges attest the truth of this statement, amounting to less than one-half of one per cent.

In conclusion, we invite the closest scrutiny of the Board of Managers, Congress, and the people to all our acts, believing we shall at all times merit approval, or be ready and willing, if wrong, to accept the admonition of those whose duty it is to supervise our work.

I have the honor to be, your obedient servant.

E. F. BROWN,  
*Governor.*

## ANNUAL REPORT SOUTHERN BRANCH FOR THE YEAR 1878.

### *Question 1.*

What is the total number of disabled soldiers and sailors cared for or aided by your branch during the year 1878?—Answer. 1,070.

### *Question 1a.*

What has been the total number of disabled soldiers and sailors so cared for or aided at your branch, from its first establishment to December 31, 1878?—Answer. 2,144.

### *Question 2.*

How many have been admitted to your branch during the year?—Answer. 187.

How many readmitted?—Answer. 62.

How many transferred from other branches?—Answer. 64.

How many honorably discharged?—Answer. 98.

How many dishonorably discharged?—Answer. 18.

How many summarily discharged?—Answer. 4.

How many deserted?—Answer. 20.

How many transferred to other branches?—Answer. 58.

The offenses causing dishonorable discharge were as follows: Incorrigible drunkenness and absence without leave, 9; gross misconduct, 5; persistent disobedience of orders and general misconduct, 1; theft and abusing a comrade, 1; bringing the Home into disrepute by committing offenses against the civil authorities, having been arrested and imprisoned, 2.

*Question 3.*

What was the average number present during the year 1878? What the average number present and absent?—Answer. Average number present during the year, 625; average number present and absent, 755.



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*Post return of Southern Branch, National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, for the quarter ending December 31, 1878.*

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Post return of Southern Branch, National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, for the year ending December 31, 1878.

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*Question 4.*

Of the whole number supported or aided during the year 1878 how many belonged to the regular Army; how many to the volunteer service; how many to the Navy?—Answer. To the regular Army, 27; to volunteer service, 1,031; to Navy, 12.

*Question 5.*

Of the whole number supported and aided during the year 1878, how many were disabled during the war of the rebellion; how many during the war of 1812, or during the Mexican war?—Answer. During the war of the rebellion, 1,028; during the war of 1812, 2; during the Mexican war, 40.

*Question 6.*

Of the whole number supported during the year 1878, how many were colored men?—Answer. Number of colored men, 39.

*Question 7.*

From what States did they come, or in what States did they enlist?—Answer:

California .....	5	New Mexico .....	2
Connecticut .....	52	New York .....	347
Delaware .....	18	New Jersey .....	30
District of Columbia .....	41	New Hampshire .....	13
Illinois .....	21	Ohio .....	11
Indiana .....	20	Oregon .....	1
Iowa .....	4	Pennsylvania .....	330
Kansas .....	4	Rhode Island .....	8
Kentucky .....	16	Tennessee .....	1
Louisiana .....	6	Texas .....	1
Maine .....	5	Vermont .....	6
Maryland .....	46	Virginia .....	12
Massachusetts .....	31	West Virginia .....	4
Michigan .....	8	Wisconsin .....	8
Minnesota .....	2	Washington Territory .....	1
Missouri .....	16		
		Total .....	1,070

*Question 8.*

How many under 20 years of age?—Answer. None.

How many between 20 and 30 years of age?—Answer. 16.

How many between 30 and 50 years of age?—Answer. 501.

How many between 50 and 70 years of age?—Answer. 402.

How many over 70 years of age?—Answer. 7.

*Question 9.*

How many married, with wives or minor children still living, as near as can be ascertained?—Answer. 343.

*Question 10.*

How many native-born?—Answer. 480.

How many foreign-born?—Answer. 590.

What the nationality of the latter?—Answer:

Austria.....	31	Ireland.....	201
Belgium.....	6	Italy.....	2
Canada.....	18	Malta.....	1
Denmark.....	1	Poland.....	1
England.....	24	Prince Edward Island.....	1
France.....	16	Switzerland.....	21
Germany.....	201	Wales.....	1
Hungary.....	6	On the Atlantic Ocean.....	1
Holland.....	10		

*Question 11.*

What were their trades or occupation? Give number of each.—Answer:

Agents.....	2	Harness-makers.....	1
Artists.....	1	Hatters.....	18
Artificial-leg makers.....	1	Hostlers.....	12
Blacksmiths.....	12	Hucksters.....	16
Bricklayers.....	30	Jewelers.....	1
Butchers.....	6	Laborers.....	344
Boiler-makers.....	2	Leather-dressers.....	8
Brewers.....	2	Machinists.....	19
Barbers.....	10	Marble-sawyers.....	1
Bakers.....	9	Molders.....	11
Bookkeepers.....	8	Musicians.....	16
Brush-makers.....	2	Miners.....	6
Basket-makers.....	1	Metal-finishers.....	18
Bookbinders.....	1	Ministers.....	1
Barkeepers.....	1	Merchants.....	6
Carpenters.....	40	Mule-spinners.....	23
Cigar-makers.....	6	Nail-makers.....	1
Clerks.....	43	Opticians.....	1
Coopers.....	1	Paper-hangers.....	1
Cabinet-makers.....	10	Peddlers.....	14
Coachmen.....	14	Piano-makers.....	2
Calico-printers.....	4	Painters.....	29
Civil engineers.....	1	Plasterers.....	26
Carpet-weavers.....	1	Pavers.....	1
Dairymen.....	1	Policemen.....	1
Drivers.....	20	Rectifiers.....	1
Electrotypers.....	1	Sailors.....	20
Engineers.....	18	Soldiers.....	32
File-cutters.....	1	Soap-makers.....	2
Furriers.....	6	Spinners.....	12
Fishermen.....	2	Surgical-instrument makers.....	1
Farmers.....	40	Silver-polisher.....	1
Firemen.....	1	Stone-cutters.....	1
Gardeners.....	26	Teamsters.....	31
Gas-fitters.....	12	Telegraph-operators.....	3
Glaziers.....	1	Teachers.....	2
Gunsmiths.....	2	Wheelwrights.....	3
Gilders.....	1	Waiters.....	18
Glass-makers.....	6		

*Question 11a.*

Of the whole number present December 31, 1878, how many could read and write, and how many could do neither? Of the latter, what per cent. were native, and what per cent. foreign-born?—Answer. Number able to read and write, 658; number unable to do either, 40; of the latter the percentage is, native-born, 18; foreign-born, 82.

*Question 12.*

Of the number cared for during the year, how many have lost both arms?—Answer. 1.

How many have lost both legs?—Answer. None.

How many have lost both leg and arm?—Answer. None.

How many one arm?—Answer. 41.

How many one leg?—Answer. 37.

How many disabled by other wounds received in the service?—Answer. 546.

How many disabled by sickness contracted in the service?—Answer. 445.

*Question 13.*

How many are blind, totally or partially?—Answer. Number totally or partially blind, 47.

*Question 13a.*

How many totally blind; how many partially blind?—Answer. Number totally blind, 4; number partially blind, 43.

*Question 14.*

How many insane, totally or partially? How many of these men were sent to the insane asylum at Washington?—Answer. Number insane totally and partially, 8; number sent to insane asylum, 5.

*Question 15.*

How many have been treated in hospital during the year, and for what diseases?—Answer. Number treated in hospital during the year 1878, 185, for the following diseases:

Abcess .....	1	Hydrocele .....	1
Asthma .....	9	Hepatitis .....	2
Aneurism .....	1	Hemorrhoids .....	1
Alcoholism .....	5	Hernia .....	2
Bronchitis .....	10	Hepatic abscess .....	1
Blind .....	4	Insanity .....	2
Blindness (partial) .....	2	Locomotor ataxia .....	3
Bright's disease .....	1	Necrosis .....	1
Cataract .....	1	Orchitis .....	1
Cystitis .....	3	Paralysis .....	17
Chorea .....	1	Pulmonary phthisis .....	22
Cataract .....	2	Pneumonia .....	1
Corneitis .....	1	Pleurisy .....	1
Disease of heart .....	8	Paralysis, agitans .....	1
Diarrhea .....	3	Rheumatism .....	29
Debility .....	6	Senility .....	9
Dyspepsia .....	3	Scrofulosis .....	1
Disease of spine .....	1	Syphilis .....	4
Dislocation .....	1	Stricture of rectum .....	1
Epilepsy .....	5	Strangulated hernia .....	1
Eczema .....	2	Secondary syphilis .....	4
Erysipelas .....	1	Septicæmia .....	1
Fever, intermittent .....	1	Tonsillitis .....	1
Fistula in ano .....	1		
Gonorrhea .....	2		
Gastritis .....	3	Total .....	185



*Question 15a.*

How many treated in quarters and for what?—Answer. Number treated in quarters, 878, for the following diseases :

Asthma .....	27	Hemorrhoids .....	17
Abscess .....	15	Hepatitis .....	22
Alcoholism .....	9	Hernia .....	12
Angina .....	6	Heinoptsic .....	4
Bronchial catarrh .....	118	Hydrocele .....	9
Catarrh (nasal) .....	38	Incised wound .....	8
Carbuncle .....	7	Laryngitis .....	2
Constipation .....	51	Locomotor ataxia .....	1
Cystitis .....	7	Mental aberration .....	1
Colic .....	14	Neuralgia .....	13
Cephalalgia .....	18	Nephritis .....	11
Cataract .....	6	Ophthalmia .....	32
Diarrhea .....	74	Orchitis .....	6
Dyspepsia .....	13	Otorrhoea .....	2
Disease of heart .....	18	Odontalgia .....	22
Eczema .....	15	Pleurisy .....	22
Erysipelas .....	1	Paralysis .....	8
Epilepsy .....	6	Rheumatism .....	109
Fractures .....	2	Serofula .....	8
Frena .....	1	Sprain .....	7
Fever (intermittent) .....	31	Stricture of urethra .....	2
Gunshot (old wound) .....	7	Stomatitis .....	25
General debility .....	9	Syphilis (secondary) .....	3
Gastritis .....	4	Ulcers .....	17
Gonorrhea .....	6	Varicose veins .....	7
Gleet .....	3		

*Question 15b.*

Was the percentage of men treated in hospital and quarters greater or less than last year; if any marked difference, how do you account for the fact?—Answer. The percentage of beneficiaries who received medical treatment during the year is a fraction less than last. In order to explain why the number treated in quarters was greater and the number treated in hospital less during 1878 than the number respectively reported in 1877, it is proper to state that at the beginning of the past year inmates suffering from slight chronic disabilities and not requiring special treatment were assigned to a portion of the hospital, and their medical attendance reported as men treated in quarters.

*Question 15c.*

Comparing the number of deaths with the whole number cared for, what has been the percentage of the former; what was it last year, and what the year before?—Answer. The percentage of deaths for the whole number cared for during 1878 is 2.61, in 1877 it was 3.25, in 1876 it was 5.10, and in 1875 it was 4.16.

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## SOUTHERN BRANCH,

January 1, 1879.

SIR: I have the honor to submit my report as surgeon of this branch of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers for the year 1878.

The year has been remarkable for the almost total absence of acute disease. A few cases of simple diarrhea during the summer and autumn, and a few cases of bronchial catarrh during the spring and winter, embrace nearly all of the acute diseases with which we have had to contend.

No epidemic has visited us during the year, nor has a single case of fever of any kind, except a few instances of intermittent type of long standing. This remarkable

immunity from disease among the class of men gathered here is due to two causes, viz : 1st, climatic; 2d, the strict enforcement of sanitary and hygienic law in the government of the Home.

The climate of this locality is unsurpassed for salubrity, and great credit is due to the honorable Board of Managers for their selection of this site as a sanitarium particularly adapted to the wants of a special class of beneficiaries of the National Home.

The Board of Health, organized and established by the orders of the deputy governor, of which board the surgeon was designated as chief, have rendered efficient service by the thorough inspection of every department of the Home, and when found necessary issued orders for the sanitary improvement of the same, have through the hearty co-operation of the commandant and the heads of departments been enabled to bring the Home into as perfect condition as its construction and grouping of buildings will permit.

The prevailing chronic diseases at this branch are rheumatism, pulmonary phthisis, bronchitis, asthma, paralysis, and ulcers, the sequence of wounds or specific disease.

The diseases most benefited by this climate are rheumatism and select cases of bronchitis. Bronchitis and asthma originating in a *dry climate* may expect to derive benefit from this, and *vice versa*. Many cases of general debility without specific disease make rapid and astonishing recoveries.

Cases of consumption, where there is any disorganization of the pulmonary apparatus, receive no benefit from this climate; on the contrary, the disease is frequently hastened to a fatal issue. A few cases of incipient consumption have improved. Heart, brain, and nervous diseases should seek a colder latitude.

Considering the fact that the several branches of this Home are widely separated, and the climate of each different from the other, one being specially adapted to the successful treatment of a certain class of diseases and prejudicial to others, I think the disability and condition of the applicant for admission should be considered in assigning him to his future home.

Attention is called to the percentage of deaths to the number cared for during the year, a rate imprecedentedly low, and not equaled in the history of the Home.

Very respectfully,

A. J. HARE, *Surgeon*.

Capt. P. T. WOODFIN,  
*Deputy Governor.*

#### Question 16.

How many have died during the year and of what disease?—Answer. Twenty-eight beneficiaries have died during the year, including 2 who died outside of, but were buried by, the Home; cause of death, respectively, as follows:

Apoplexy.....	2	Phthisis pulmonalis.....	9
Chronic cystitis.....	1	Senility.....	2
Cirrhosis.....	1	Strangulated hernia.....	1
Disease of heart.....	6	Septicæmia.....	1
Embolism of brain.....	1	Tuberculosis.....	1
Hepatic abscess.....	1		
Impacted biliary calculus.....	1	Total.....	28
Paralysis.....	1		

#### Question 17.

How many have received pensions; what is the total amount received during the year; how much of this was retained in any way, or for any purpose, by the Home; how much was sent or used for the benefit of dependent wife, child, mother, or sister; how much is still held by the Home in trust for the pensioners, and what amount of interest has been received, or is receivable, on pensions for the year?—Answer:

Number having received pensions.....	458
Total amount received during the year.....	\$56,073 20
Amount retained by Home.....	16,495 59
Amount remitted to dependents.....	15,123 47
Amount still held by Home.....	4,870 33
Amount of interest received.....	245 15
And one year due.....	

## Question 18.

What mechanical trades have been carried on at your branch; how many have been so employed, and what has been the total product of their labor, and what net profit, if any, of the same for the year?

## Question 18a.

Give in tabular form the gross expenditures, total receipts, and net profit or loss of each shop or trade, as numbers of shoes, cigars, stockings, &c., manufactured during the year.

Shops or trades.	Number employed.	Expenditures.	Products.	Profit.	Loss.	Net gain.
Blacksmith-shop .....	2	\$282 00	\$419 34	\$137 34	.....	.....
Carpenter-shop .....	31	4,126 51	4,423 76	297 25	.....	.....
Paint-shop .....	14	755 54	854 84	99 30	.....	.....
Shoe-shop .....	1	153 00	227 95	74 95	.....	.....
Soap-factory .....	1	97 45	337 87	240 42	.....	.....
Tailor-shop .....	1	133 60	133 60	0 00	.....	.....
Masons and plasterers .....	13	521 42	664 57	143 15	.....	.....
Harness-maker .....	1	102 85	102 85	0 00	.....	.....
Total .....	64	6,172 37	7,164 78	992 41	.....	\$992 41

NOTE.—Shoemaker, tailor, and harness-maker employed repairing only.

## Question 19.

What has been the total products of your farm and garden (each separately), and the net profits, if any, during the year? State in tabular form the product of your farm and garden, giving, as far as practicable, the quantity, value, and disposition of each product.—Answer:

Articles.	Quantity.	Value.	Sales.			
			To subsistence.		To stable.	
			Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
Asparagus .....	4	\$8 00	4	\$8 00	.....	.....
Beans, string .....	27	35 50	27	35 50	.....	.....
Beets .....	125	62 50	125	62 50	.....	.....
Cabbages .....	10,057	191 66	10,057	191 66	.....	.....
Carrots .....	5	2 50	5	2 50	.....	.....
Corn, green .....	695	55 60	695	55 60	.....	.....
Kale .....	240	150 05	240	150 05	.....	.....
Leeks .....	421	12 64	421	12 64	.....	.....
Lettuce .....	27	29 50	27	29 50	.....	.....
Onions .....	93	124 00	93	124 00	.....	.....
Parsnips .....	45	39 00	45	39 00	.....	.....
Pease .....	25½	25 50	25½	25 50	.....	.....
Potatoes, Irish .....	291	432 35	291	432 35	.....	.....
Potatoes, sweet .....	141	94 50	141	94 50	.....	.....
Radishes .....	95	31 50	95	31 50	.....	.....
Spinach .....	62	31 00	62	31 00	.....	.....
Tomatoes .....	108	49 15	108	49 15	.....	.....
Turnips .....	159	134 50	159	134 50	.....	.....

Articles.	Quantity.	Value.	Sales.			
			To subsistence.		To stable.	
			Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
Cabbages.....loads.....	50	\$50 00	.....	.....	50	\$50 00
Carrots.....barrels.....	132	73 55	.....	.....	132	73 55
Clover-feed.....rds.....	490	211 20	.....	.....	490	211 20
Fodder, green.....loads.....	419	427 25	.....	.....	419	427 25
Kale.....barrels.....	16	12 00	.....	.....	16	12 00
Mangold.....do.....	179	143 20	.....	.....	179	143 20
Rye-feed.....rds.....	240	60 00	.....	.....	240	60 00
Potatoes, small.....barrels.....	28	25 50	.....	.....	28	25 50
Cattle pastured.....head.....	14	108 00	.....	.....	14	108 00
Total.....		2, 620 15		\$1, 509 45		1, 110 70
Total product of farm during the year.....						2, 620 15
Profit.....						None.

*Question 20.*

What has been the total number of inmates employed for pay at your branch during the year, and what is the total amount so paid for service or labor?—Answer. Number of inmates employed for pay at this branch during the year, 287; total amount paid them for service or labor, \$16,337.20.

*Question 21.*

How many volumes in your library? What increase in number since last year? What number of daily newspapers? What of weeklies? What of magazines and periodicals? In what languages are the above? How many books have been taken out and read during the year? How is the reading-room attended, and how much are papers, &c., read?—Answer:

Number of volumes in library.....	1, 992
Increase during the year.....	422
Number of daily newspapers.....	32
Number of weekly newspapers.....	111
Number of magazines and periodicals.....	19
Total number.....	162

They are in English, French, German and Scandinavian languages. Number of books taken from the library during the year, 11,088. The reading-room is crowded from the time it is opened in the morning until its close at 8.30 p. m. The newspapers are given to the sick in hospital when taken from the reading-room files.

*Question 22.*

How many have attended school, including those for telegraphing, music, &c., during the year? What branches have been taught, and what number fitted to earn their own living?—Answer. There has been no school at this branch during the year, of any consequence; hence none by this means have been fitted to earn their own living.



*Question 23.*

What means have been used for the moral and religious improvement of the men, and what success has attended these efforts? What religious services, whether Catholic or Protestant, have been held, and how are they attended? What Christian, temperance, or other societies have been in existence, and what has been their total membership during the year?—Answer. In addition to the many games and sports the men have been allowed to engage in during the year, including fishing, sea-bathing, yachting, &c., they have been encouraged to form societies for their mutual improvement; these, with a system of discipline whereby disobedients are punished, and good behaviour rewarded, have very materially improved the morals of the men. Christian and temperance societies, together with the weekly visit of the clergy, have been the means used for their religious improvement.

*Question 24.*

What have been your means and sources of amusement? Have you a band and other musical and dramatic associations? How many lectures, concerts, and entertainments have you had during the year?—Answer. Our means of amusement embrace yachting, boat-racing, fishing, sea-bathing, bowling, billiards, foot-ball, quoits, foot-races, walking-matches, and every form of outdoor amusements in which the men choose to engage. We have a large and commodious smoking-room, suitably provided for games of checkers, backgammon, dominoes, cards, &c. We have a band playing daily; it is a fruitful source of great good to the men. We have two dramatic clubs and a variety troupe. Number of lectures, concerts, and entertainments during the year, 65.

*Question 24a.*

What new buildings have been constructed, and what improvements to buildings and grounds made, during the year, and what amount expended thereon?—Answer. Buildings for library, reading-room, and smoking-room, also smoke-house, have been constructed during the year at a cost of \$2,000; a bath-house cost \$700. Alterations to governor's and surgeon's quarters made during the year, at a cost of \$3,300. Grounds have been adorned and improved by planting of trees and shrubs and laying brick and concrete walks, at a cost of \$500.

*Question 24b.*

What number of men can you now care for at your branch, having due reference to health and comfort? What is the number actually present at the making of your report? Will the number, in your opinion, increase or diminish during the next three months? Can you properly care for all who will apply during the present winter?—Answer. Having due reference to health, we can now accommodate 675. Present, date of report, 700. The opinion of the office is that the number will increase during the next three months. If we overcrowd the Home during the winter months we will be able to care for 725, but must reduce our capacity by the spring 50. Should we have applicants for admission beyond this number we will be compelled to send them away.

*Question 24c.*

From your experience in the Home and your knowledge of the subject, give your opinion as to whether the number of disabled soldiers who will seek admission to the Home will increase or diminish during the next ten years.—Answer. I would say to this question that from my knowledge of the subject the number of admissions to the Home during the next ten years will increase.

*Question 25.*

What influence, if any, have the improvement of the buildings, adornment of the grounds, and the several opportunities for labor, instruction, amusement, &c., had upon the men? Is discipline made easier? Are the men improved in character and morals? Are the men contented and happy?—Answer. Everything done to beautify the Home, either in constructing new buildings or improving the grounds, creates a feeling of pride in the men. They feel they are being liberally provided for by a grateful country; consequently, discipline is easier, the men being more contented and happy.

*Question 26.*

What has been the total current or running expenses of your branch during the year?—Answer. Total running expenses for the year, \$85,824.63.

*Question 26a.*

In answering question 26, give total running expenses of each quarter in tabular form, by abstract, as done in making your account current.—Answer:

*Total expenditures during the year 1875.*

Abstracts.		First quarter.	Second quarter.	Third quarter.	Fourth quarter.	Total.	Credits.	Expenditures during the year.	Current or running expenses during the year.
A	Subsistence.....	\$11,486 29	\$11,127 62	\$10,588 75	\$11,967 16	\$45,169 82	.....	\$45,169 82	.....
B	Construction and repairs.....	4,818 72	5,457 15	4,605 36	7,483 41	22,364 64	\$1,580 82	20,783 82	.....
C	Stable.....	1,575 23	2,280 01	1,685 55	3,324 47	8,874 26	7,374 74	1,499 52	.....
D	Personal property.....	3,188 23	3,111 00	3,112 60	283 90	6,695 73	.....	1,605 73	.....
E	Current expenses.....	3,229 97	3,218 10	3,041 73	3,406 78	12,896 58	.....	12,896 58	.....
F	Incidental expenses.....	367 51	201 10	98 99	154 67	822 27	37 78	784 49	.....
G	Transportation.....	954 26	1,433 34	1,300 35	1,061 29	4,749 24	3,272 87	1,476 37	.....
H	Clothing.....	1,360 63	1,776 39	1,713 24	2,641 43	7,491 89	.....	7,491 89	.....
I	Hospital supplies.....	1,621 21	1,524 91	1,671 14	1,476 19	6,243 45	32 95	6,210 50	.....
J	Farm.....	638 06	862 38	981 73	779 85	3,262 02	2,371 44	800 58	.....
K	Household expenses.....	3,942 01	5,525 16	2,243 69	2,899 41	14,610 27	2,815 29	11,794 98	.....
L	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
M	Manufactures.....	308 34	314 46	291 36	324 23	1,238 39	1,577 81	109,694 28	.....
	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	339 42	.....
	.....	30,490 46	33,840 82	28,284 49	35,802 79	128,418 56	19,063 70	109,354 86	85,824 63

Total amount of current or running expenses, including clothing during the year, \$85,824.63.

Total cost of keeping each inmate, not including clothing, \$137.31.

Total amount of current or running expenses, not including clothing during the year, \$78,332.74.

Total cost of keeping each inmate, not including clothing, \$125.31.

*Question 26b.*

Give in tabular form, as far as practicable, the articles of subsistence purchased and used, with quantity and price delivered at the Home of the leading articles, as number of barrels of flour, pounds of coffee, tea, sugar, &c., with average prices paid therefor, each quarter, including transportation of same to the Home.—Answer:

Articles.	Quantity.	First quarter.	Second quarter.	Third quarter.	Fourth quarter.
Bacon .....	pounds 23,744	\$0 07½	\$0 05	\$0 06	\$0 06½
Beef, fresh .....	do. 87,125	08	08	08	08
Beef, corned .....	do. 28,950	07½	07½	07½	07½
Butter .....	do. 22,637	20	17	15½	17
Cheese .....	do. 5,025	14	10	10½	09½
Coffee, Rio .....	do. 10,192	18½	15½	15	15½
Sugar, white .....	do. 9,653	10½	10	09½	10½
Sugar, brown .....	do. 30,292	07½	07½	07½	07½
Tea, mixed .....	do. 3,620	33	35	32	32
Flour .....	barrels 700	6 43	6 00	5 12½	5 12½
Mackerel .....	do. 138	10 12½	10 00	9 62½	8 00
Pork .....	do. 79	10 25	11 00	10 25	10 50
Potatoes .....	bushels 3,950	55	58	62½	94

*Question 26c.*

Give cost of ration for each quarter, and average cost of same for year.—Answer. First quarter, 20.40 cents; second quarter, 20.27 cents; third quarter, 18.50 cents; fourth quarter, 20 cents; whole year, 19.81 cents.

Cost of subsistence issued during first quarter, \$11,486.29.

Average number of inmates present during quarter, 623.

Cost of subsistence issued during second quarter, \$11,127.62.

Average number of inmates present during quarter, 602.

Cost of subsistence issued during third quarter, \$10,588.75.

Average number of inmates present during quarter, 621.

Cost of subsistence issued during fourth quarter, \$11,967.16.

Average number of inmates present during quarter, 650.

*Question 26d.*

Have you a regular prescribed bill of fare and hospital list? If so, give copies, and state what are your regulations as to their observance.—Answer. We have a regular

## BILL OF FARE.

*Sunday.*

Breakfast.—Baked beans, pork, bread, butter, coffee.

Dinner.—Roast pork, gravy, potatoes, bread, rice pudding, coffee.

Supper.—Apple-sauce, bread, butter, tea.

*Monday.*

Breakfast.—Boiled mackerel, potatoes, bread, butter, coffee.

Dinner.—Corned beef, turnips, potatoes, bread, tea.

Supper.—Stewed prunes, bread, butter, tea.

*Tuesday.*

Breakfast.—Meat hash, bread, butter, coffee.

Dinner.—Roast beef, gravy, beets, potatoes, bread, coffee.

Supper.—Oatmeal mush, molasses, bread, butter, tea.



*Wednesday.*

Breakfast.—Irish stew, bread, butter, coffee.

Dinner.—Boiled bacon, cabbage, potatoes, bread, tea.

Supper.—Peach sauce, bread, butter, tea.

*Thursday.*

Breakfast.—Corned beef, potatoes, bread, butter, coffee.

Dinner.—Roast pork, gravy, turnips, potatoes, bread, tea.

Supper.—Hominy grits, bread, butter, molasses, tea.

*Friday.*

Breakfast.—Boiled mackerel, potatoes, bread, butter, coffee.

Dinner.—Oyster soup, bread pudding, crackers, pickles, bread, butter

Supper.—Cheese, bread, butter, tea.

*Saturday.*

Breakfast.—Codfish hash, bread, butter, coffee.

Dinner.—Boiled beef, vegetable soup (or pot-pie), boiled beets, bread.

Supper.—Stewed prunes, bread, butter, tea.

The surgeon orders daily for the sick and convalescent from special-diet-list—comprising beefsteak, beef-tea, chickens, cocoa, crackers, custard, eggs, farina, milk, rice, tongue, sago, gruel, arrowroot, ale, wine, spirits, &c.

*Question 26f.*

Have you a store at your branch? Why was it started? How is it managed, and what have been its gross sales and net profits during the year, and what generally have been the uses and purposes to which its profits have been devoted? What have been the moral influences, if any, resulting from its establishment?—Answer. We have a store at this branch. It was started when the Home opened, by authority of the honorable Board of Managers. It is managed by the deputy governor, who employs a sales-clerk. The steward does the purchasing, and issues checks receivable for goods. Gross sales during the year, \$19,512.67; net profit, \$5,938.38. Profits are expended for the advantage of the inmates, and for the purchase of material not warranted by the regular Home appropriation, such as billiard tables and balls, expenses of theatrical and other entertainments, extra pay for musicians, musical instruments, newspapers, janitor of bowling-alley and billiard hall, printing, books, fireworks, and every expenditure for the amusement of the men. The influence of the store is very great, as it provides the men a place to purchase to advantage, and takes from them the plea they would make to go on pass to purchase articles for their requirement.

*Question 27.*

State any other facts or matter that will tend to show the working of the Home or the results accomplished during the year.—Answer:

Total amount of clothing issued .....	\$9,125 80
Of which amount was given to inmates .....	7,481 89
Of which was sold .....	1,633 91
Total amount paid for transportation .....	4,550 24
Of which was paid for by the men .....	3,378 37
Of which was paid for by the Home .....	1,271 84

There were 148,131 pieces washed in the laundry by six employés during the year. We have eight bath-tubs, besides three in the hos-

pital. All are required to bathe weekly, and in winter one day in every week is assigned to each company. In summer the bathing, except for hospital patients, is all outside, and requires no particular supervision. We have a commodious bath-house, and every one is desirous of availing himself of the sea-water.

For decorating flower-beds and borders, we have three green-houses and one brick frame, covering 4,140 square feet, and containing a stock of hot, greenhouse, and bedding plants, numbering 11,450, in 340 varieties; the principal kinds being—

Alternanthera.	Coleus.	Libonia.
Achyranthes.	Croton.	Marantha.
Amaryllis.	Carnation.	Oleander.
Abutilon.	Ferns.	Poinsetta.
Begonia.	Fuchsia.	Pilea.
Bouvardia.	Gloxinia.	Primula.
Cyclamen.	Geranium.	Roses.
Calla.	Hyacinths.	Stevia.
Caladium.	Heliotrope.	Verbena.
Camelia.	Justitia.	Vinca.
Cineraria.	Lantana.	Pelargonium, &c., &c.
Calceolaria.		

Amount of sales of greenhouse plants during the year, \$145.18. During the year our post-office has sent out 25,349 letters and received 19,365. Newspapers sent out and received, 16,200. On July 1, 1878, the office was made a money-order office, and from July 1 to December 31, 1878, 297 money-orders were sent out, covering \$6,865.58. This money was saved from pensions or earned by labor, and with few exceptions sent to dependent families. Number of visitors during the year, 3,500.

I certify on honor that the foregoing annual report of the Southern Branch, National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, for the year 1878, is correct and just.

P. T. WOODFIN,  
*Deputy Governor.*

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTERN BRANCH.

### 1.

Question. What is the total number of disabled soldiers and sailors cared for or aided by your branch during the year commencing January 1, 1878, and ending December 31, 1878?—Answer. 1,351.

### 2.

Question. How many have been admitted to your branch during the year?—Answer. 267.

Question. How many have been readmitted?—Answer. 121.

Question. How many honorably discharged?—Answer. 92.

Question. How many dishonorably?—Answer. 6.

Question. How many have been transferred to other branches?—Answer. 45.

Question. How many deserted?—Answer. 47.

### 3.

Question. What was the average number present during the year?—Answer. 836.

Question. What was the average number present and absent during the year?—Answer. 1,044.

4.

Question. Of the whole number supported or aided during the year, how many belonged to the regular Army?—Answer. 17.

Question. How many to the volunteer service?—Answer. 1,330.

Question. How many to the Navy?—Answer. 4.

5.

Question. How many were disabled during the war of the rebellion?—Answer. 1,340.

Question. How many during the Mexican war?—Answer. 2.

Question. How many during the war of 1812?—Answer. 9.

6.

Question. Of the whole number, how many were colored men?—Answer. 1.

7.

Question. From what State did they come, or in what States did they enlist?—Answer:

Maine .....	216	Pennsylvania .....	46
New Hampshire .....	95	Maryland .....	4
Vermont .....	14	Delaware .....	1
Massachusetts .....	521	Ohio .....	14
Rhode Island .....	58	Illinois .....	12
Connecticut .....	51	Indiana .....	1
New York .....	296	Iowa .....	1
New Jersey .....	13	Michigan .....	1
Wisconsin .....	3	Kentucky .....	1
District of Columbia .....	2	No record .....	1

8.

Question. How many under 40 years of age?—Answer. 2.

Question. How many between 30 and 50?—Answer. 818.

Question. How many between 50 and 70?—Answer. 510.

Question. How many over 70?—Answer. 21.

9.

Question. How many married, with wives and minor children, or either, still living?—Answer. 573.

10.

Question. How many native-born?—Answer. 568.

Question. How many foreign-born?—Answer. 783.

Question. What the nativity of the latter?—Answer:

Belgium .....	1	Norway .....	1
England .....	51	Poland .....	1
English Provinces .....	48	Switzerland .....	7
France .....	9	Sweden .....	1
Germany .....	81	Scotland .....	32
Italy .....	1	Wales .....	1
Ireland .....	549		

## 11.

Question. What were their trades or occupations?—Answer :

Bakers .....	17	Laborers .....	627
Barbers .....	10	Machinists .....	41
Blacksmiths .....	20	Masons .....	38
Butchers .....	10	Musicians .....	11
Carpenters .....	45	Mill-operatives .....	50
Clerks .....	43	Telegraphers .....	2
Cooks .....	9	Painters .....	56
Coopers .....	10	Printers .....	17
Curriers .....	4	Sailors .....	30
Engineers .....	8	Shoemakers .....	116
Farmers .....	122	Stone-cutters .....	10
Harness-makers .....	5	Wheelwrights .....	10
Hatters .....	10	Tailors .....	30

## 12.

Question. Of the whole number cared for during the year, how many could read and write?—Answer. 917.

Question. How many could do neither?—Answer. 434.

Question. Of the latter, what per cent. were native and what per cent. foreign?—Answer. Native, 26; foreign, 74.

Question. Of the whole number, how many lost both arms?—Answer. 1.

Question. How many both legs?—Answer. None.

Question. How many a leg and an arm?—Answer. None.

Question. How many one arm?—Answer. 60.

Question. How many with one leg?—Answer. 70.

Question. How many disabled by other wounds received in the service?—Answer. 1,220.

## 13.

Question. How many totally blind?—Answer. 4.

Question. How many partially blind?—Answer. 18.

## 14.

Question. How many totally or partially insane?—Answer. Partially, 11; totally, 1.

Question. How many of these men were sent to the insane asylum?—Answer. State asylum, 3; asylum at Washington, 6.

## 15.

Question. How many have been treated in hospital during the year, and for what diseases?—Answer. 256.

Apoplexy .....	3	Dropsy .....	1
Amputations .....	3	Dyspepsia .....	8
Asthma .....	15	Diarrhea .....	8
Alcoholism .....	10	Diarrhea (chronic) .....	1
Accidents .....	10	Tumors .....	2
Asphyxia .....	1	Epilepsy .....	4
Blind .....	7	Erysipelas .....	2
Bright's disease of kidney .....	3	Fistula in ano .....	4
Chorea .....	2	Fever (intermittent) .....	9
Cancer .....	1	Heart disease .....	3
Constipation .....	20	Hernia (strangulate) .....	3



Hemorrhoids .....	4	Pyæmia .....	1
Hemorrhage .....	2	Paralysis .....	17
Hepatitis .....	3	Paralysis of brain.....	6
Hip disease .....	1	Phthisis .....	22
Influenza .....	12	Pneumonia .....	1
Icterus .....	5	Prostatitis .....	2
Mental aberration .....	3	Pleuritis .....	3
Meningitis .....	1	Rheumatism (chronic) .....	17
Melanosis .....	1	Senility .....	12
Ulcers (indolent) .....	2	Syphilis .....	5
Neuralgia (acute) .....	3	Stomatitis .....	2
Ophthalmia .....	1	Tonsillitis .....	3
Orethritis .....	1		

15.

Question. How many treated in quarters, and for what?—Answer. 609.

Alcoholism .....	27	Hemorrhoids .....	7
Asthenopia .....	14	Hernia .....	10
Asthma .....	35	Hepatitis .....	25
Anthrax .....	1	Hypochondriasis.....	11
Blennorrhœa .....	11	Insanity .....	3
Bronchitis .....	14	Lumbago .....	27
Cardialgia .....	7	Neuralgia .....	11
Catarrh .....	23	Obstipatio .....	68
Cephalalgia .....	22	Orchitis .....	2
Chilblain .....	2	Odontalgia .....	47
Chorea .....	1	Paralysis .....	7
Conjunctivitis .....	10	Pleuritis .....	14
Colitis .....	22	Phthisis .....	59
Dyspepsia .....	17	Rheumatism (chronic) .....	32
Eczema .....	1	Sciatica .....	18
Enuresis .....	5	Syphilis .....	6
Epilepsy .....	3	Uleers (indolent) .....	40
Fistula in ano .....	2		

15.

Question. If any marked difference, how do you account for the fact?—Answer. By there being a greater number of men cared for; also that their disabilities are becoming more troublesome each year.

Question. Comparing the number of deaths with the number cared for, what has been the per cent. of the former?—Answer. 2.14.

16.

Question. How many have died during the year, and of what diseases?—Answer. 29 in hospital; while on furlough, 16.

Bright's disease of kidneys.....	1	Epilepsy .....	1
Hepatitis (acute).....	1	Hip disease.....	1
Phthisis .....	10	Senility .....	2
Heart disease .....	1	Pyæmia .....	1
Syphilis .....	2	Melanosis .....	1
Apoplexy .....	3	Asphyxia .....	1
Meningitis .....	1	Pneumonia .....	1
Paralysis .....	2	While on furlough.....	16

17.

Question. How many have received pensions?—Answer. 664.

Question. What is the total amount received during the year?—Answer. \$70,272.98.

Question. How much of this was retained in any way or for any purpose by the Home?—Answer. \$10,023.23.

Question. How much of this was sent or used for benefit of dependent's wife, mother, child, or sister?—Answer. \$27,296.75.

Question. How much is still held by the Home in trust for pensioners?—Answer. \$4,185 by, general treasurer.

Question. What amount of interest has been received or is receivable on pensions for the year?—Answer. The above amount is invested in 4 per cent. government bonds.

## 18.

Question. What mechanical trades have been carried on at your branch?—Answer. Boot and shoe manufactory.

Question. How many men have been so employed?—A. 55.

Question. What has been the total product of their labor?—Answer. \$12,819.20.

Question. What the net profits, if any, of same?—Answer. \$4,255.21.

## 19.

Question. What has been the total product of your farm and garden, and the net profit, if any, during the year?—Answer:

FARM—1878.

A tabular statement showing the product and disposition of each product, with quantity and value.

Crops raised, quantity, and market value.	Sales to—										Cash sales to citizens and inmates.		Remaining on hand.		Total.
	Subsistence.		Construction.		Stable.		Household.								
	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.			
275 tons hay, at \$11	\$3,025 00					275	\$3,025 00							\$3,025 00	
475 bushels beets, turnips, and carrots, at 25 cents	118 75					475	118 75							118 75	
15 tons compressed fodder, at \$6	30 00					5	30 00							30 00	
Pasturage	250 00						250 00							250 00	
3,150 bushels potatoes, at 25 to 75 cents	1,730 71	2,000	\$1,396 88			400	100 00			750	\$233 83			1,730 71	
64 bushels beans, Y. E., at \$2.25	144 00	64	144 00											144 00	
200 tons ice, at \$1	200 00							200	\$200 00					200 00	
20 tons cabbage, at \$35	700 00	35	700 00											700 00	
160 cords wood, hard and soft, at \$4	640 00							160	640 00					640 00	
54 cords wood, hard and soft, at \$2 @ \$5	17 00									54	17 00			17 00	
40 M hemlock logs, at \$10	400 00											40	\$400 00	400 00	
30,399 feet hemlock boards, at \$1	303 99					30	\$300 00			399	3 99			303 99	
33 cords bark, at \$4	132 00											33	132 00	132 00	
220 quarts strawberries	33 00									220	33 00			33 00	
Sawing	31 93										31 93			31 93	
Total value	7,756 38		2,240 88		300 00		3,523 75		840 00		328 15		532 00	7,756 38	

## 20.

Question. What has been the total number of inmates employed for pay during the year?—Answer. 257.

Question. What is the total amount so paid them for service or labor?—Answer. \$22,385.98.

## 21.

Question. How many volumes in your library?—Answer. 4,326.

Question. What increase in number since last year?—Answer. 156.

Question. What number of daily newspapers?—Answer. 22.

Question. What of weeklies?—Answer. 115.

Question. What of magazines and periodicals?—Answer. 20.

Question. In what languages are the above?—Answer. English, German, French, and Italian.

Question. How many books have been taken out and read during the year?—Answer. 18,796.

Question. How is the reading-room attended, and how much are papers, &c., read?—Answer. Fully attended, and its papers in constant use.

## 22.

Question. How many have attended school, including those for telegraphy, &c., during the year?—Answer. No school.

Question. What branches have been taught?—Answer. None.

Question. What number fitted to earn their own living?—Answer. None.

## 23.

Question. What means have been used for the moral and religious improvement of the inmates, and what success has attended these efforts?—Answer. Religious services.

Question. What religious services have been held, whether Catholic or Protestant, and how are they attended?—Answer. Protestant every Sunday, and Catholic every other Sunday, which are largely attended. Rev. Mr. Upjohn, of Augusta, Me., Protestant clergyman, has also kindly volunteered (gratuitously) to hold a religious meeting every Friday evening. Once a fortnight an additional service is held by a Catholic priest. Thus all spiritual wants are satisfied.

Question. What Christian, temperance, or other societies have been in existence, and what has been their membership during the year?—Answer. Saints Peter and Paul's Veteran Total Abstinence Society, organized September, 1875, numbers 70 members in good standing. Independent Order of Good Templars, organized at the commencement of the present year, numbers 116 members in good standing. The G. A. R. numbers 137 members, all in good standing.

## 24.

Question. What have been your means and sources of amusement?—Answer. Theater, lectures, &c., in winter; library at all times; billiard-tables, bowling-alley, checkers, and dominoes.

Question. Have you a band?—Answer. We have a band composed of fifteen members, under a leader (citizen). They have obtained such proficiency that their music always attracts and interests the men; thus, at a small cost, is furnished a never-failing source of amusement.



Question. Have you other musical or dramatic associations?—Answer. There are two dramatic associations, who give entertainments during the winter, making pleasure not only in anticipation, but in reality. As evidence of the effect of discipline, it is a pleasure to state that the moral tone of their performance is above that of the average theaters; and so also is the behavior of the audience.

Question. How many lectures, concerts, and entertainments have you had during the year?—Answer. 57.

Question. What new buildings have been constructed and what improvements to buildings and grounds made during the year?—A. Bakery and surgeon's quarters.

Question. What amount has been expended therefor?—Answer. \$3,775.

Question. Have they added to your capacity; if so, how much?—Answer. 50 men.

Question. What number of men can you now care for at your branch, having due reference to health and comfort?—Answer. 950.

Question. What is the number actually present at the time of making your report?—Answer. 933.

Question. Will the number increase or diminish in your opinion during the next three months?—Answer. Increase.

Question. Can you properly care for all who will apply during the present winter?—Answer. Yes.

Question. From your experience in the Home, and your knowledge of the subject, give your opinion as to whether the number of disabled soldiers who will seek admission to the Home will increase or diminish during the next ten years?—Answer. In my opinion there will not be much, if any, increase in our numbers in the future, for the reasons that such times as we have had in 1878 must have brought out nearly all the soldiers likely to avail of the privileges of the Home. The number of those yet to come will be offset by deaths and the retirement of those men who are able and willing to do some work. These latter will no doubt find employment when business resumes its old activity.

## 25.

Question. What influence, if any, have the improvements of the buildings, adornment of the grounds, and the several opportunities for labor, instruction, amusement, &c., had upon the men?—Answer. A very good one, because elevating and tending to make an "*esprit de corps*," which is always to be desired.

Question. Is discipline made easier?—Answer. It is.

Question. Are the men improved in character and morals?—Answer. They are.

Question. Are the men contented and happy?—Answer. Wonderfully so.

## 26.

Question. What has been the total amount for running expenses of your Home during the year?—Answer:

	Subsistence.	Current expenses.	Incidental expenses.	Transportation.	Hospital supplies.	Household expenses.	Total.
First quarter .....	\$13,729 98	\$5,738 60	\$370 24	\$19 58	\$1,008 98	\$2,389 00	\$22,656 38
Second quarter .....	14,529 58	5,027 39	345 09	22 51	1,257 21	7,039 40	28,198 67
Third quarter .....	13,693 33	5,051 56	317 46	163 42	1,066 96	529 00	25,582 73
Fourth quarter .....	16,271 24	5,073 92	266 94	622 60	1,153 86	3,820 78	27,209 34
Total .....	58,234 13	20,291 47	1,299 73	805 60	4,487 18	18,539 18	103,647 12

\* In excess of expenditures.

Question. What has been the average cost of keeping each man in your Home during the year?—Answer. With clothing, \$134.25; without clothing, \$119.37.

Question. Have you a store at your branch? Why was it started, and how is it managed; and what have been the gross sales and net profits during the year; and what generally have been the uses and purposes to which its profits have been devoted?—Answer. We have; gross sales, \$14,788.28; net profits, \$3,779.92. The store is managed by the store-keeper and clerk, under the supervision of the deputy governor. The profits have been applied to the purchase of music and costumes for the theater, books for the library, and generally for the men's amusement.

Question. What have been the moral influences, if any, resulting from its establishment?—Answer. They have been good, inasmuch that the men are deprived of any excuse to go to town for any little things that they may desire to purchase.

## 27.

Question. State any other fact or matter that will tend to show the working of the Home, or the results accomplished during the year.—Answer. Such is the uneventful life we lead here, buried in Maine, that it is almost impossible to find anything of general interest to add to previous reports. It may well be said, however, that at no time in the history of the Home has it seemed so much to justify the wisdom of its founders as it has during the late season of business depression. Men have come to us who, though partially disabled, have hitherto taken care of themselves.

Without any reflection upon old members of the institution it may truthfully be said that the character of the inmates has improved. The men generally intend to do right, and there is no difficulty in their management when simple justice is done them. To be sure we live under martial law, but that is nothing more than simple justice, adequately administered.

The shoe-shop and farm have given employment to most of those who desired to work. Not so many boots and shoes have been made, however, as the men could have done, because it is the policy of the board to confine our product to the wants of the Homes for the volunteer soldiers. Could we have the work of supplying the Army it is probable that it

could be satisfactorily done. Many of the men have brought their families here, and live in cottages near the Home, receiving their ration in kind and carrying it home. They are also permitted to draw in excess of one ration on payment for the subsistence at east from their pension money.

Much good has been done in this way. Drunkenness leads to bad feeling in the families; separation follows, the soldier leaving his wife and coming to the Home. Families so separated have been reunited here, and are now living happily. Something like one hundred and seventy-five of our men are thus "living outside" as they call it. Not all of them are married. Many of them live with farmers in the neighborhood, taking their ration, and perform such services for their hosts as makes them welcome.

It would, in my opinion, be a wise proceeding for the Board of Managers to authorize the erection of cottages, to be let to the inmates who desire them. We have no trouble in camp except when men come home from the towns in the vicinity drunk. Hence the risk has to be taken except in well-known cases. There is less liquor sold in the near vicinity of the Home than there was before the United States internal-revenue agent prosecuted parties for selling without a license, which, of course, they do not give at my request. In the towns on the Kennebec the men can get all they can pay for.

To lessen drunkenness, I have permitted the sale of light beer in the men's store for the past year. The effect has been very favorable, the commitments to the guard-house and the amount of fines exacted having decreased one-third.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. S. TILTON,  
*Deputy Governor.*

TOGUS, ME., *December 31, 1878.*

#### BILL OF FARE

##### *Sunday.*

Breakfast.—Baked beans, brown bread, butter, coffee.

Dinner.—Boiled ham, bread pudding, molasses, bread, coffee.

Supper.—Prunes or crackers, bread, butter, tea.

##### *Monday.*

Breakfast.—Mackerel, potatoes, bread, butter, coffee.

Dinner.—Boiled beef, vegetable soup, bread, molasses.

Supper.—Apple sauce, bread, butter, tea.

##### *Tuesday.*

Breakfast.—Eggs or fish hash, bread, butter, coffee.

Dinner.—Corned beef, potatoes, pickles or vegetables, bread, tea, molasses.

Supper.—Gingerbread, bread, butter, tea.

##### *Wednesday.*

Breakfast.—Meat hash, bread, butter, coffee.

Dinner.—Roast beef, potatoes, pickles, bread, tea or coffee, molasses.

Supper.—Apple sauce or prunes, bread, butter, tea.

##### *Thursday.*

Breakfast.—Baked beans, bread, butter, coffee.

Dinner.—Corned beef, potatoes, vegetables or pickles, bread, coffee, molasses.

Supper.—Crackers, bread, butter, tea.

*Friday.*

Breakfast.—Mackerel, potatoes, bread, butter, coffee.

Dinner.—Fresh fish, potatoes, bread, tea, molasses.

Supper.—Gingerbread, bread, butter, tea.

*Saturday.*

Breakfast.—Meat hash, bread, butter, coffee.

Dinner.—Roast mutton or veal, potatoes, pickles, bread, coffee, molasses.

Supper.—Cheese, bread, butter, tea.

*Pensions retained and for what purpose.*

Subsistence .....	\$1,368 87
Construction and repairs .....	61 90
Stable .....	3 50
Current expenses .....	12 89
Fines .....	1,093 00
Store .....	4,760 00
Household expenses .....	127 13
Clothing .....	947 64
Forfeitures .....	264 90
Transportation .....	1,367 00
Farm .....	16 40
Total .....	<hr/> 10,023 23



*Expenditures and receipts pertaining to the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, Eastern Branch, from January 1, 1878, to Decem er 31, 1878.*

Accounts.	Abstract.	Expenditures.			Receipts.			Expenditures in excess of receipts.	Receipts in excess of expenditures.
		To Home.	In cash.	Total.	From Home.	In cash.	Total.		
Subsistence .....	A	\$8,706 38	\$56,740 70	\$63,447 08	\$2,355 51	\$2,867 44	\$5,222 95	\$58,224 13	.....
Construction and repairs .....	B	1,591 55	13,102 29	14,693 84	.....	180 53	180 53	14,513 31	.....
Stable .....	C	4,564 97	4,352 36	8,917 33	9,488 57	1,037 18	10,525 75	.....	\$1,608 42
Personal property .....	D	.....	67 67	67 67	.....	.....	.....	67 67	.....
Current expenses .....	E	3,150 14	10,741 19	22,891 33	2,226 81	373 05	2,599 86	20,291 47	.....
Incidental .....	F	.....	1,311 11	1,311 11	.....	11 38	11 38	1,299 73	.....
Transportation .....	G	.....	4,477 65	4,477 65	.....	3,754 56	3,754 56	723 09	.....
Clothing .....	H	.....	494 11	494 11	.....	1,729 72	1,729 72	.....	1,235 61
Hospital supplies .....	I	.....	4,507 26	4,507 26	.....	20 25	20 25	4,487 01	.....
Farm .....	K	3,298 44	3,703 08	7,001 52	6,904 63	406 92	7,311 55	.....	310 03
Household expenses .....	L	2,966 19	15,917 42	18,883 61	.....	344 43	344 43	18,539 18	.....
Manufactures .....	M	873 11	1,132 32	2,005 43	2,175 26	518 31	2,693 57	.....	688 14
Total .....		23,150 78	125,547 16	148,697 94	23,150 78	11,243 77	34,394 55	118,145 59	3,842 20

Table showing cost of principal articles of subsistence.

Articles.	Quarter ending March 31, 1878.		Quarter ending June 30, 1878.		Quarter ending September 30, 1878.		Quarter ending December 31, 1878.	
	Quantity.	Price.	Quantity.	Price.	Quantity.	Price.	Quantity.	Price.
Beef*.....	37,624	\$0 09.43	43,231	\$0 09.30	53,174	\$0 09.23	174,237	\$0 09.34
Mutton and veal*.....	9,853	09.50	8,007	09.50	8,007	09.50	39,613	09.50
Pork, clear.....	13	14 69	20	13 87	20	13 87	81	13 76
do.....barrels.....	17	9 00	24	8 45	20	8 75	82	8 19
Mackarel.....	6,760½	20.64	6,337½	19.44	6,394	16.43	27,524	17.75
Butter.....	1,255	12.68	1,314	11.25	1,394	08.84	5,795	10.03
Cheese.....	676	09.36	1,392	08.50	1,736	08.39	5,219	08.44
Lard.....	310	6 62	400	5 98	301	5 71	1,393	5 98
Flour.....	800	23.12	1,843	18.97	2,993	17.52	8,875	18.31
Coffee.....	4,746	09.54	4,130	09.55	7,392	09.55	24,638	09.53
Sugar, granulated.....	5,278	08	7,351	08.04	6,921	07.79	28,226	07.80
Sugar, "C" coffee.....	936	38	805	36.30	1,029	35	3,817	36.01
Tea, Oolong.....								
Number of rations issued.....	75,306		71,756		75,859		304,997	
Cost of a ration.....		18.05		19		19		18.75

\* Delivered at Gardiner or Augusta.

\* Delivered at the Home.

Freight and cartage from Boston to Home, \$6 per ton.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NORTHWESTERN BRANCH.

NATIONAL HOME FOR DISABLED VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS,  
NORTHWESTERN BRANCH,  
*Milwaukee County, Wis., January 1, 1879.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report of the management of the Northwestern Branch of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers during the calendar year 1878:

## NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES.

Total number of disabled soldiers and sailors cared for or aided at this branch during the year, 1,299. Whole number of disabled soldiers and sailors cared for or aided at this branch from its first establishment, May 1, 1867, to December 31, 1878, 3,599.\*

Number who have been admitted during the year, 224; readmitted during the year, 122; transferred from other branches during the year, 48; returned from desertion during the year, 3; total gain during the year, 397. Number honorably discharged during the year, 235; dishonorably discharged during the year, 22; transferred to other branches during the year, 32; transferred to the Government Insane Asylum during the year, none; died during the year, 47; deserted during the year, 46; dropped from temporary at post during the year, 30; total loss during the year, 413.

Average number of beneficiaries present during the year, 691. Average number present and absent during the year, 857.

The following carefully-prepared tabular statement exhibits the total number of beneficiaries present and absent on the 31st of December of each year, and the average number present, the average number absent, the average number sick, the percentage of sick to average number present and absent, the whole number taken care of, and the total gain and the total loss, during each calendar year since the establishment of this branch of the Home, May 1, 1867:

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\* The whole number of disabled soldiers and sailors cared for or aided at this branch since its establishment on May 1, 1867, is 274 less than was given in my report last year. In compiling former reports the same individual not unfrequently appeared in the aggregate several times, as he received outside aid, or was admitted, or readmitted; and on account of defects and omissions in the register formerly kept in this branch, it was impossible to rectify the error until a new and more perfect register could be prepared. During the year just closed a new register has been completed, in which every person who has been a beneficiary of this branch since its establishment is duly registered once and no more, showing that 3,579 individuals have actually been inmates of this branch, and 20 others who have never been inmates have received outside relief from it.

Year.	Gain during each year.						Loss during each year.					
	Total number present and absent, December 31, of each year.	Average number present and absent during each year.	Average number absent with leave during each year.	Average number absent without leave during each year.	Average number sick, in hospital and quarters during each year.	Percentage of sick to average number present and absent during each year.	Number taken care of during the year.	By admission.	By readmission.	By transfer from other branches.	By return from desertion.	Total gain.
*1867	146	84	69	14	1	15	212	201	4	5	9	212
1868	194	137	111	23	3	25	417	194	31	40	6	271
1869	365	215	165	46	4	23	610	304	60	48	4	416
1870	511	468	369	89	10	19	861	339	64	29	2	494
1871	646	584	459	110	15	14	918	311	57	38	1	408
1872	523	538	428	109	21	8	949	237	49	15	1	302
1873	598	524	400	105	19	4	925	218	142	37	5	402
1874	659	622	482	124	16	56	1,006	243	122	42	1	408
1875	676	644	508	117	19	60	1,003	215	91	31	4	344
1876	829	710	554	140	16	71	1,115	290	109	37	2	438
1877	901	850	678	156	16	90	1,307	300	128	46	4	478
1878	886	857	691	152	14	101	1,299	224	122	48	3	397
Total.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,136	982	416	36	4,570
												1,373
												384
												421
												25
												385
												534
												562
												3,684

\* Eight months.

Total loss.

By dishonorable discharge.  
By transfer to Government Insane Asylum.  
By death.  
By desertion.  
By discharge from temporary at post.



Number of beneficiaries during the year who belonged to the regular Army, 40; number who belonged to the volunteer service, 1,255; number who belonged to the Navy, 4.

Number of beneficiaries during the year who were disabled during the war of the rebellion, 1,268; number who served in the war of 1812, 7; number who served in the Mexican war, 24.

Number of colored beneficiaries during the year, 2.

#### STATES FROM WHICH ENLISTED.

States from which those who have been beneficiaries of this branch during the year were enlisted in the service of the United States:

California .....	5	Missouri .....	46
Connecticut .....	14	Nebraska .....	1
Dakota Territory .....	1	New Hampshire .....	5
Delaware .....	6	New Jersey .....	23
District of Columbia .....	3	New York .....	286
Florida .....	1	Ohio .....	47
Illinois .....	235	Oregon .....	1
Indiana .....	31	Pennsylvania .....	103
Iowa .....	34	Rhode Island .....	5
Kansas .....	16	Tennessee .....	1
Kentucky .....	12	Utah Territory .....	2
Louisiana .....	8	Vermont .....	6
Maine .....	7	Washington Territory .....	1
Maryland .....	11	Wisconsin .....	275
Massachusetts .....	35		
Michigan .....	62	Total .....	1,299
Minnesota .....	16		

#### NATIVITIES.

Number of beneficiaries during the year who were native-born, 368; foreign-born, 931. Nativity of foreign-born beneficiaries:

Austria .....	8	Norway .....	14
Belgium .....	5	Poland .....	3
Canada .....	31	Russia .....	1
Cuba .....	1	Scotland .....	23
Denmark .....	3	Sweden .....	6
England .....	57	Switzerland .....	19
France .....	14	Wales .....	5
Germany .....	384	Born at sea .....	2
Ireland .....	354		
Mexico .....	1	Total .....	931

#### SOCIAL STATISTICS.

Ages of those who have been beneficiaries of this branch during the year: Under 30 years, 3; between 30 and 50 years, 620; between 50 and 70 years, 615; over 70 years, 61.

Number of beneficiaries during the year who have been married, and who have living wives or minor children, or both, 342.

Former occupations of those who have been beneficiaries during the year:

Agents and peddlers .....	4	Brickmakers .....	2
Bakers .....	18	Butchers .....	24
Barbers and wigmakers .....	8	Carpenters .....	60
Blacksmiths .....	24	Cabinet-makers .....	11
Boilermakers .....	8	Carvers .....	1
Bookbinders .....	8	Carriage-makers .....	3
Broommakers .....	2	Clockmakers .....	1
Brewers .....	10	Cigarmakers .....	9

Clerks.....	53	Painters.....	33
Cooks.....	7	Paperhangers.....	2
Coopers.....	23	Plasterers.....	4
Coppersmiths.....	1	Printers.....	11
Curriers.....	2	Potters.....	1
Clothmakers.....	1	Physicians and surgeons.....	3
Druggists.....	2	Photographers.....	1
Dentists.....	1	Pipemakers.....	2
Draughtsmen.....	1	Pianomakers.....	1
Dyers.....	1	Ropemakers.....	2
Engineers.....	11	Saddlers.....	4
Electroplaters.....	2	Sailmakers.....	1
Farmers.....	183	Seamen and boatmen.....	19
Fishermen.....	1	School-teachers.....	9
Florists.....	3	Shoemakers.....	35
Gardeners.....	6	Shipwrights.....	1
Glassblowers.....	4	Slaters.....	1
Gunsmiths.....	1	Soldiers.....	4
Harness-makers.....	14	Soapmakers.....	1
Hatters.....	1	Stonecutters.....	8
Iron-rollers.....	3	Steamfitters.....	2
Laborers.....	479	Surveyors.....	1
Lawyers.....	3	Tailors.....	23
Lithographers.....	4	Tanners.....	4
Locksmiths.....	3	Teamsters.....	13
Lumbermen.....	2	Telegraph operators.....	2
Machinists.....	9	Tinkers.....	12
Machine-makers.....	3	Tobacconists.....	1
Masons and bricklayers.....	23	Upholsterers.....	3
Millers.....	3	Veterinary surgeons.....	3
Millwrights.....	2	Watchmakers.....	1
Miners.....	4	Weavers.....	10
Molders.....	8	Wagonmakers.....	2
Musicians.....	10	Woolcarders.....	2
Merchants and salesmen.....	9	Wheelwrights.....	3
Marble polishers.....	4	Wiredrawers.....	1
Needle-makers.....	1		
Preachers.....	1	Total.....	1,299

Number of beneficiaries during the year who could read and write, 1,074; number who could do neither, 225 (of which 39 were native and 186 were foreign-born). Percentage of native-born who could neither read nor write, 10.6; of foreign-born, 20.

#### CAUSES OF DISABILITY.

The disabilities of those who have been beneficiaries of the Home during the year were as follows:

Wounds resulting in loss of both arms.....	1
Wounds resulting in the loss of one arm.....	67
Wounds resulting in the loss of one leg.....	69
Other wounds received in the service.....	428
Sickness contracted in the service.....	734
Total.....	1,299

Number completely blind, 5; number partially blind, 33; total 38.

Number insane, totally or partially, 11. Number of insane who have been transferred to the Government Insane Asylum at Washington during the year, none.

## HOSPITALS.

Number who have been cared for in hospital during the year, 424, against 444 the previous year. Average daily number cared for in hospital during the year, 88.7. Diseases of those treated in hospital:

Abscess .....	5	Icterus .....	1
Alcoholism .....	50	Incised wounds .....	4
Asthma .....	5	Impaired vision .....	2
Amputation .....	3	Iritis .....	1
Blind .....	4	Locomotor ataxia .....	1
Burns .....	1	Loss of both hands .....	2
Bronchitis, chronic .....	8	Malaria .....	12
Cardiac disease .....	9	Mania, acute .....	1
Carbuncle .....	1	Monomania .....	1
Cancer .....	3	Necrosis .....	2
Caries .....	1	Nephritis .....	1
Catarrh, acute .....	3	Neuralgia .....	4
Cholera morbus .....	3	Opiumism .....	2
Chorea .....	3	Ophthalmia .....	8
Circumcision .....	2	Orchitis, acute .....	1
Contusions .....	10	Paralysis .....	25
Constipation .....	2	Pleurodynia .....	1
Conjunctivitis .....	1	Pneumonia .....	1
Cystitis, chronic .....	5	Pyelitis .....	1
Dementia .....	9	Renal disease .....	3
Debility .....	16	Rheumatism .....	26
Diarrhea .....	4	Rheumatism, acute .....	4
Diarrhea, chronic .....	1	Retention of urine .....	1
Diphtheria, malignant .....	1	Salivation .....	1
Diphtheria .....	1	Senility .....	31
Epilepsy .....	18	Skin disease .....	3
Epistaxis .....	1	Sprains .....	3
Fever, continued .....	7	Spermatorrhœa .....	1
Fractures .....	9	Spinal disease .....	3
Frost-bite .....	2	Stricture urethra .....	2
Fistula, urinary .....	3	Stroke .....	1
Fistula, in ano .....	1	Synovitis .....	2
Gastritis, chronic .....	1	Syphilis .....	3
Gastralgia .....	1	Tuberculosis pulmonalis .....	47
Gonorrhea .....	1	Ulcers varicose .....	12
Hæmoptysis .....	4	Varicose veins .....	1
Hernia .....	7	Vertigo .....	1
Hemorrhoids .....	1		
Hepatic disease .....	1	Total .....	424

Number of beneficiaries carried sick in quarters during the year, 198, against 261 the previous year. Average daily number sick in quarters, 12. Diseases of those carried sick in quarters:

Abscess .....	6	Gonorrhea .....	2
Alcoholism .....	21	Hernia .....	8
Albuminuria .....	1	Hemorrhoids .....	2
Amputation of finger .....	1	Injuries, slight .....	4
Bronchitis, chronic .....	14	Intermittent fever .....	4
Cardiac disease .....	6	Malaria .....	6
Carbuncle .....	1	Neuralgia .....	3
Cholera morbus .....	1	Ophthalmia .....	2
Circumcision .....	1	Paralysis, partial .....	7
Contusions .....	6	Renal disease .....	7
Constipation .....	1	Rheumatism, chronic .....	19
Convalescing from fever .....	4	Senility .....	7
Conjunctivitis .....	1	Serofula .....	2
Crippled hand .....	1	Skin disease .....	2
Cystitis, chronic .....	8	Spermatorrhœa .....	1
Debility .....	8	Sprains .....	4
Dementia .....	2	Syphilis .....	4
Diarrhea, chronic .....	3	Tuberculosis .....	14
Dyspepsia .....	3	Ulcers .....	2
Epilepsy .....	3	Wounds, lacerated .....	4
Frost-bite .....	1		
Fractured ribs .....	1	Total .....	198

The number of beneficiaries who were medically treated in hospital and quarters during the year constituted 48 per cent. of the whole number cared for in the Home, against 54 per cent. during the previous year; and the average number of sick in hospital and quarters during the year 1878 was 11.8 per cent. of the average number of beneficiaries cared for in the Home, while in 1877 it was 10.5 per cent., and in 1876 it was 10 per cent., indicating a gradual increase, but no marked difference in the ratio of the number of sick to the whole number of beneficiaries during the three years.

The ratio of sick in hospital to the whole number of beneficiaries has for several years been very much larger at this branch than at any other branch of the Home; and two-thirds of the cases in our hospital have been chronic and incurable. During the year just closed the average number of sick in hospital, as shown by the quarterly post-returns, has been nearly as great at this branch as at both the Southern and Eastern Branches, to wit: Average number sick in hospital at Southern Branch, 37; average number sick in hospital at Eastern Branch, 55; average number of sick in hospital at Northwestern Branch, 89.

The most pressing need of this Home is a new hospital building of sufficient capacity to accommodate one hundred and twenty patients, allowing to each one thousand cubic feet of space; a structure at least one hundred by forty feet and three stories high, which, at the present low rates of material and labor, can be built for about fifteen thousand dollars.

The whole number of cases prescribed for at "sick call" during the year (including 3,729 cases requiring surgical dressing and not including those borne upon the report of sick in hospital) was 8,455. Number of prescriptions for same, 6,840. Number of *accouchements* among the wives of beneficiaries attended by the surgeon during the year, 13.

The assistant surgeon, Dr. C. E. Richards, who during the year has performed the principal duties of medical officer, and since September last has had sole charge of the hospital (the surgeon, Dr. John L. Page, having recently resigned on account of continued ill health), submits the following general observations upon the hygienic condition of the Home, the sanitary state of the hospital, and the care of beneficiaries:

The hygienic condition of the Home is excellent. The hospital is in as good condition for comfort and health as it is possible to put it, considering that it was not originally intended for a hospital. The somewhat crowded condition of the wards is the only thing to be regretted. But considering the fact that we have not had the least appearance of an epidemic of any kind, we are justified in saying that the hospital is as well managed as any similar institution in the country. Patients are as comfortable as though cared for by friends or relatives at their homes. The food is amply sufficient and of good quality. In addition to the regular bill of fare, the sick are supplied with all the delicacies of the season, such as canned fruits, oranges, lemons, jellies, oysters, and in fact anything that the appetite of the most fastidious would crave; and it is worthy of special mention that the sick are not limited or stinted in this respect. The wards are kept clean and tidy by competent nurses, and are also well warmed. Meals are sent to the bedside of the patients when they are unable to go to the dining-room. Arrangements for thorough bathing in hospital are excellent. All patients are subjected to a bath before they are allowed to occupy their beds, and are required to bathe regularly once a week while they are in hospital. In cases where the exposure incident to taking a full-length bath is not admissible they are subjected to a sponge bath as often as it is necessary. The results of this hygienic measure are highly beneficial and satisfactory. The patients are clean and free from all vermin, and, in consequence of their cleanliness, the beds are always neat and tidy. During the year the Home has been remarkably free from all epidemics or contagious diseases of any kind, but one case of contagious disease having occurred, and that was developing itself when the man was admitted to the Home; and by thorough hygienic measures successfully carried out the disease was limited to the patient who was afflicted with it. There has not been a single case of malaria that has originated in or near the Home. Those that have been treated for malaria have had it for years. The intermittent fever cases that are reported were all among the new admissions, and the disease was contracted



in other States. The Home is, as it should be, particularly free from diseases of malarious origin, from the fact that it is situated upon high undulating land. The buildings and grounds are thoroughly and effectually drained, and all the modern improvements, together with good and warm clothing, well-ventilated dormitories, a fine library, amusements of many kinds, &c., tend to make it highly conducive to the happiness and comfort of the beneficiaries.

## DEATHS.

Number of beneficiaries who have died during the year, 47: of which 6 deceased outside of the Home premises. Causes of the deaths:

Accidents: Run over by cars while absent on furlough.....	1	Diphtheria, malignant.....	1
Found dead from exposure while absent without leave.....	1	Epileptic convulsions.....	1
Fell from ladder while on furlough; died in Home hospital.....	1	Heart, rupture of.....	1
Alcoholism.....	3	Hepatitis.....	3
Bronchitis.....	2	Insanity.....	1
Cancer.....	3	Paralysis and rheumatism.....	1
Cardiac disease (died while on fur- lough).....	1	Pneumonia.....	1
Cystitis, chronic.....	1	Rheumatic carditis.....	1
Consumption(2 died while on furlough).....	14	Senility.....	7
		Spermatorrhea.....	1
		Syphilis, tertiary.....	1
		Unknown (died while on furlough).....	1
		Total.....	47

The ratio of deaths during the year to the whole number of beneficiaries cared for was 3.62 per cent.; to the average number present and absent it was 5.48 per cent. In 1877 the death rate was 3.75 per cent. of the whole number cared for, and 5.76 per cent. of the average number present and absent. The ratio of deaths in the Home to the average number actually present in the Home during the year 1878, was 5.93 per cent. against 5.31 per cent. the previous year.

The following tabular statement exhibits the number of beneficiaries of this branch who have died during each month and year since its organization, together with the average annual strength of the command, and the ratio of deaths to the average number of beneficiaries each year. The greatest mortality since the occupation of the new building, September 20, 1869, was during the year 1872, when the death-rate reached 82 to 1,000 of the average number of beneficiaries present and absent; the smallest was in 1876, when the ratio fell to 46 to 1,000.

Months.	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.	1874.	1875.	1876.	1877.	1878.	11 1/3 years.
January.....		1	1	1	1	8	3		1	4	3	3	26
February.....		2		1	4	3	1	3	3	2	2	2	23
March.....		1	1	3	5	2	4	7	5	2	6	6	42
April.....			2	4	6	1	3	6	4	3	4	7	40
May.....	2	1	1	3	5	5	3	3	7	2	3	2	37
June.....		1			4	1	2	5	2	4	7	2	28
July.....		1		3	2	2	2	5	2	1	2	4	24
August.....		1	1	3	1	6		4	3	7	3	6	35
September.....	1	2	4	5	4	4	3	1	1	4	3	4	36
October.....		1	3	3	4	7	3	3	1	3	4	3	35
November.....		1	1	2	2	2	3	2	1	1	3	5	23
December.....	1	2	4		2	5	4	2	4		9	3	36
Total.....	*5	14	17	28	40	46	31	41	34	33	49	47	385
Average annual strength of the command.....	*84	137	215	468	584	558	524	622	614	710	850	857	536
Number of deaths each year to 1,000 average strength.....	89	102	79	60	68	82	59	66	53	46	58	55	62

\* Eight months.

On the following page will be found a list of those who have died during the year, with date, place, and cause of death, and military history, &c., of each.

Deaths in 1878 (including one in 1877 not previously reported).

No.	Name.	Company and regiment.	Where born.	Age.	Date of death.	Cause of death.	Place of death.	When admitted to the—	
								Home.	Hospital.
1	George W. Hemple	H, 28th Pa.	Pennsylvania	38	Dec. 15, 1877	Consumption	Pittsburg, Pa. (furlough)	Dec. 20, 1876	.....
2	Henry Wilson	I, 12th N. Y. Cav.	England	70	Jan. 17, 1878	Pneumonia	Home hospital	Jan. 20, 1876	Jan. 14, 1878
3	John Van Wert	I, 61st Ill.	New York	72	Jan. 20, 1878	Senile decay	do	May 7, 1877	May 8, 1877
4	Henry W. Myers	H, 30th Ill.	Germany	35	Jan. 22, 1878	Syphilis	do	June 1, 1876	Nov. 8, 1877
5	Michael Barden	H, 37th Iowa	Ireland	59	Feb. 6, 1878	Rupture of heart	Quarters	Sept. 2, 1873	.....
6	William H. McVigian	E, 3d Pa.	do	37	Feb. 15, 1878	Consumption	Home hospital	Jan. 23, 1878	Jan. 23, 1878
7	Charles Porter	H, 18th N. Y.	Connecticut	72	Mar. 9, 1878	Senility	do	May 8, 1876	May 26, 1876
8	Logan R. Keeler	B, 99th Ohio	Pennsylvania	34	Mar. 7, 1878	Spermatorrhea	do	Mar. 8, 1877	May 27, 1877
9	Morgan Storey	B, 1st Wis. H. Art.	New York	66	Mar. 9, 1878	Senility	do	Oct. 16, 1874	Oct. 11, 1875
10	Hiram Chandler	D, 19th Wis.	do	39	Mar. 16, 1878	Epileptic convulsions	do	Jan. 30, 1878	Jan. 31, 1878
11	Henry Ives	G, 23d N. Y.	Pennsylvania	35	Mar. 24, 1878	Alcoholism	do	Dec. 29, 1873	.....
12	Cornelius Cook	C, 96th N. Y.	New York	38	Mar. 10, 1878	Cardiac disease	Guard-house	Aug. 28, 1877	.....
13	Barney Carroll	G, 16th N. Y. H. Art.	Ireland	58	Apr. 6, 1878	Senile decay	Home hospital	May 1, 1873	Apr. 25, 1877
14	Dennis Kearney	H, 92d N. Y.	do	32	Apr. 6, 1878	Consumption	do	Dec. 26, 1876	Oct. 12, 1877
15	Samuel Atkey	B, 15th Ill.	Pennsylvania	35	Apr. 14, 1878	Accident by railroad cars	Davis Station, Ill. (furlough)	Mar. 20, 1878	.....
16	James Lindsey	G, 88th Ill.	Wisconsin	29	Apr. 14, 1878	Consumption	Milwaukee (furlough)	Nov. 27, 1877	.....
17	Joseph Clarke	H, 72d Ill.	England	72	Apr. 22, 1878	Senile decay	Home hospital	Apr. 20, 1873	Jan. 18, 1877
18	William Swain	B, 5th Minn.	New York	47	Apr. 25, 1878	Insanity	do	June 19, 1877	Apr. 11, 1878
19	Charles C. Kimball	E, 1st Wis.	do	54	Apr. 29, 1878	Consumption	do	Jan. 4, 1876	Feb. 27, 1878
20	William H. Morton	I, 24th Mich.	do	39	May 25, 1878	Hepatitis and paralysis	do	Jan. 17, 1878	Jan. 17, 1878
21	Phillip Owens	D, 90th Ill.	do	70	May 27, 1878	Chronic bronchitis	do	Nov. 23, 1876	Nov. 25, 1876
22	James F. Elliott	B, 5th Wis.	Maine	37	June 21, 1878	Consumption	do	June 20, 1878	June 20, 1878
23	James Carroll	B, 5th N. Y. H. Art.	Ireland	71	June 22, 1878	Senile decay	do	Jan. 3, 1876	Mar. 30, 1878
24	Fred. W. Handhausen	Q, M, 26th Wis.	Germany	51	July 14, 1878	Pulmonary consumption	do	July 6, 1878	July 6, 1878
25	Fredrick Hofer	C, 14th Mich.	France	69	July 28, 1878	Chronic bronchitis	do	Jan. 8, 1868	Oct. 6, 1876
26	George H. Fields	F, 15th U. S. Inf.	Vermont	57	July 28, 1878	Consumption	do	June 30, 1873	July 8, 1878
27	Andrew Hagan	B, 29th Ohio	Norway	58	July 28, 1878	Exposure	do	Sept. 8, 1877	.....
28	George Boucher	A, 76th N. Y.	Canada	40	Aug. 3, 1878	Alcoholism	Found dead near the Home.	.....	.....
29	Andrew Norton	E, 19th Mass.	Ireland	49	Aug. 13, 1878	do	Home hospital	July 31, 1878	Aug. 1, 1878
30	Joseph Bogart	K, 17th Wis.	Belgium	72	Aug. 13, 1878	Senility	do	Jan. 21, 1873	Aug. 12, 1878
31	John Rich	G, 13th Wis.	Germany	58	Aug. 27, 1878	Hepatitis	do	Oct. 6, 1868	Mar. 18, 1878
32	George M. Gordon	B, 17th Wis.	Scotland	55	Aug. 31, 1878	Consumption	do	Aug. 2, 1869	Aug. 22, 1878
33	Alexander Marsh	D, 2d Minn. Cav.	New York	43	Aug. 31, 1878	do	do	Oct. 30, 1877	Apr. 23, 1878
34	George A. Brauer	B, 3d Wis.	Germany	60	Sept. 1, 1878	do	do	July 25, 1878	Oct. 20, 1877
35	Robert Allen	E, 11th Ill. Cav.	New York	73	Sept. 22, 1878	Hepatitis	do	Aug. 26, 1878	Aug. 26, 1878
36	Phillip Langtry	A, 17th Wis.	Ireland	63	Sept. 27, 1878	Chronic exstisis	do	June 29, 1878	June 29, 1878
37	Patrick Hays	C, 15th Ill.	do	32	Oct. 3, 1878	Consumption	do	May 23, 1867	Sept. 8, 1878
38	William Dorn	E, 4th Ill. Cav.	do	43	Oct. 4, 1878	Cancer	do	Aug. 6, 1878	Sept. 28, 1878
39	Owen Buckley	C, 37th N. Y.	do	45	Oct. 27, 1878	Rheumatism, paralysis	do	Sept. 8, 1875	June 5, 1878
40	John Teske	I, 3d Pa. Art.	Germany	52	Nov. 10, 1878	Consumption	do	June 30, 1870	Oct. 26, 1878
							.....	Sept. 16, 1876	Dec. 14, 1877

41	Michael Cline.....	I, 17th Wis.....	Ireland.....	60	Nov. 13, 1878	Accident in Milwaukee	do	Jan. 15, 1872	Nov. 12, 1878
42	James Stewart.....	B, 27th Mich.....	do.....	42	Nov. 7, 1878	Consumption	Lexington, Mich. (furlough)	Apr. 9, 1878	Nov. 12, 1878
43	William Reibling.....	C, 9th Wis.....	Germany.....	47	Nov. 20, 1878	Cancer	Home Hospital.....	June 1, 1878	June 1, 1878
44	Patrick Molloy.....	D, 1st Ill. Lt. Art.....	Ireland.....	48	Nov. 24, 1878	Consumption	do.....	Sept. 16, 1878	Sept. 16, 1878
45	Charles Trudell.....	B, 7th Pa. Cav.....	Canada.....	57	Prob. Sept. ...	Unknown	Unknown, while on furlough	Oct. 16, 1877	Dec. 3, 1878
46	Charles H. Knight.....	B, 5th N. Y. Art.....	New York.....	40	Dec. 4, 1878	Diphtheria.....	Home Hospital.....	Nov. 26, 1878	Apr. 29, 1878
47	Ferdinand Nauto.....	A, 75th Pa.....	Germany.....	67	Dec. 9, 1878	Cancer.....	do.....	Mar. 22, 1878	Nov. 22, 1878
48	William Henry.....	G, 19th U. S. Inf.....	Ireland.....	57	Dec. 23, 1878	Rheumatic carditis	do.....	Mar. 24, 1869	Nov. 22, 1878

## PENSIONS.

Number of pensioners who have received pensions during the year 536, against 566 in 1877. The total amount of pensions received during the year, and the disposition made thereof, is shown in the following tabular statement:

Pension to credit of beneficiaries January 1, 1878.....	\$9,470 76
Pension-money received during the year.....	50,082 21
Interest received on pension-money during the year.....	111 78
Total to be accounted for .....	59,664 75
Paid to the Home:	
For Abstract A, Subsistence .....	\$1,242 51
For Abstract B, Construction and repairs.....	25 80
For Abstract C, Stable .....	18 99
For Abstract F, Incidental expense .....	16 14
For Abstract G, Transportation.....	2,272 68
For Abstract H, Clothing.....	1,011 03
For Abstract I, Hospital supplies.....	14 31
For Abstract L, Household .....	565 33
For Abstract M, <i>b</i> , Blacksmith-shop.....	\$42 20
For Abstract M, <i>c</i> , Carpenter-shop .....	106 48
For Abstract M, <i>h</i> , Harness-shop .....	26 25
For Abstract M, <i>k</i> , Paint-shop.....	98 68
For Abstract M, <i>n</i> , Shoe-shop .....	224 12
For Abstract M, <i>r</i> , Tin-shop.....	43 37
For Abstract M, <i>m</i> , Printing-office.....	222 83
	763 93
Forfeitures by order Board of Managers.....	536 50
Total amount paid to the Home.....	6,467 22
Paid to Home store.....	4,005 95
Carried to contingent fund for fines by order of commandant..	2,689 45
Carried to posthumous fund.....	322 84
Cash paid to pensioners' families.....	12,394 74
Cash paid to individual pensioners.....	29,935 03
Remaining to credit of beneficiaries, December 31, 1878.....	3,849 52
Total accounted for .....	59,664 75

A portion of the sum remaining to the credit of beneficiaries is in the hands of the general treasurer, Maj. Gen. B. F. Butler, and the amount of accrued interest thereon is unknown to the treasurer of this branch.

## PAY FOR EXTRA DUTY.

The total number of beneficiaries employed for pay at this branch during the year or any portion thereof was 488. The amount credited to beneficiaries for extra duty and the disposition thereof, was as follows:

Extra-duty pay to credit of beneficiaries Jan. 1, 1878.....	\$2,616 86	Retained by the Home for—		
Amount of pay-rolls during the year, viz:		Abstract—		
Abstract—		A, Subsistence .....	\$1,234 90	
A, Subsistence .....	\$824 26	B, Construction and repairs .....	15 35	
B, Construction and repairs.....	3,514 39	C, Stable .....	27 93	
C, Stable .....	2,376 03	D, Personal property .....	9 43	
E, Current expenses..	8,986 09	E, Current expenses.....	10 00	
F, Incidental .....	240 00	F, Incidental expenses.....	11 67	
I, Hospital supplies... 1,598 71		G, Transportation .....	827 18	
K, Farm .....	3,042 38	H, Clothing.....	378 83	
L, Household .....	4,202 80	I, Hospital supplies.....	32 77	
M, Manufactures .....	2,619 74	K, Farm .....	17 83	
	27,404 40	L, Household .....	479 61	
		M, Manufactures .....	387 14	
				\$3,432 64
		Fines by order of commandant	2,068 85	
		Paid to Home store .....	3,782 98	
		Carried to posthumous fund..	15 53	
				5,867 36
		Cash paid to beneficiaries....	18,151 04	
		Remaining to credit of beneficiaries December 31, 1878..	2,570 22	
				20,721 26
Total to be accounted for .....	30,021 26	Total accounted for.....		30,021 26



## LIBRARY AND READING-ROOM.

In the Home library there are 3,172 volumes. There have been received 30 daily papers, 103 weekly papers, and 26 magazines and periodicals, embracing publications in the English, French, German, and Scandinavian languages. During the year 7,255 books have been taken from the library for reading. The librarian, George W. Barber, reports that "the library-rooms are generally well filled with interested readers of the books, papers, and magazines, and during the inclement season the seating capacity is not sufficient to accommodate all who desire these advantages. All available case room is now fully occupied, and consequently additions to the library cannot be regularly placed on shelves."

## POST OFFICE.

The postmaster reports the business of the post-office at this branch, for the year 1878, as follows:

Letters mailed, by count .....	16,602	Newspapers mailed, estimate..	5,377
Single postages represented above.	19,316	Newspapers received, by count	20,644
Letters received, estimate.....	16,500	Letters, registered .....	132
Postal cards mailed, by count....	2,131	Money-orders issued.....	151
Postal cards received, estimate. .	2,300	Amount of money transmitted.	\$1,744.91

## SCHOOLS.

For reasons given in previous reports no schools are maintained at this branch, and in this connection the attention of the board is again invited to the following suggestion made in my report for the year 1877:

Within the limits of the Home and in its immediate vicinity there are nearly fifty young children of beneficiaries to whom a common education, fitting them for the duties and cares which in a few years they must assume, would be of greater benefit than any gift within the bestowal of the Board of Managers. The expediency of providing a suitable school building and a competent teacher for these children, whose future welfare seems to devolve new responsibilities upon the officers of the Home, is worthy of careful consideration.

## RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION.

As in previous years, a clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church and a priest of the Roman Catholic Church have been regularly employed at this branch as visiting chaplains, with continued and general satisfaction.

The Protestant Episcopal clergyman, Rev. E. R. Ward, reports that "during the past year divine service has been held every Sunday, and on week days during Lent," and that he has administered the holy communion every month in public, and when required in private. That he has made weekly—oftentimes biweekly—visits to the hospital. "The attendance at the public services remains about the same as last year. The Sunday-school is growing in numbers and interest, thanks to the zeal and faithful labors of the teachers; while the whole work is full of encouragement. Total number of services, 85. Celebrations of the holy communion, public 12, private 5; total, 17. Marriage, 1; baptisms, 3; burials, 25. The bishop of the diocese made his annual visitation to the Home on Easter Day and confirmed two adults."

The Catholic priest, Rev. Father James Walsh, S. J., says:

Religious services are held on Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning of each week. Total number of regular religious services during the year, 104; funeral services, 17; baptisms, 8; confirmations, 9; visits to hospital, 80; average attendance at

regular religious services, 260; average number of holy communions every week, 42; total number of holy communions, 2,184. The above is a brief summary of the religious work of 1878, a work which has been steadily increasing in importance and in good results, especially during the last few months. I have given much time and attention to the inmates of the hospital, and I may be permitted here to acknowledge my indebtedness to the officers of that department for their kind readiness to aid me in every way they could in the discharge of my duties to the sick and to the dying.

#### SOCIETIES.

A post of the Grand Army of the Republic has been maintained during the year by beneficiaries of this branch, and a Sunday-school society has been successfully conducted by beneficiaries and their families and friends.

#### AMUSEMENT AND RECREATION.

The usual methods of providing amusement and recreation for beneficiaries, fully set forth in previous reports, have been continued during the year. This branch is now in great need of a suitable auditorium of sufficient capacity to seat the increased number of beneficiaries present during the winter seasons.

#### HOME STORE.

The Home store, or "canteen," established for the purposes and under the rules of management stated in previous reports, has been continued during the year with satisfactory results. The gross sales amounted to \$16,018.12, yielding a net profit of \$4,510.18. The increased business of the "canteen" demands more commodious rooms, and hygienic considerations urge its removal from the main structure to a suitable detached building.

#### GREENHOUSE.

The greenhouse, built in 1877 and paid for from the fund accruing from fines imposed upon beneficiaries for inebriety and other offenses against the discipline of the Home—thus paraphrasing Samson's riddle, "out of the strong came forth sweetness"—has been in successful operation during the year, adding greatly to the attractions of the grounds, and contributing to the enjoyment of beneficiaries, officers, and visitors. Of course no profit is derived from this source, but all plants required for the flower gardens and borders are propagated in the greenhouse at trifling cost.

#### TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND RECEIPTS.

The following tabular statement exhibits the gross expenditures, the receipts from sales, and the net expenditures, on account of each depart-

ment or abstract, during the year 1878, as shown by the treasurer's accounts current:

Abstracts.	Expenditures.			Receipts from sales, &c.			Expenditures in excess of receipts.	Receipts in excess of expenditures.
	Cash.	To home.	Total.	Cash.	Of home.	Total.		
A.	\$43,662 05	\$6,711 41	\$50,373 46	\$3,981 01	\$1,461 68	\$5,442 69	\$44,930 77	.....
B.	28,349 43	6,993 22	35,342 65	415 91		415 91	34,926 74	.....
C.	5,056 73	5,973 48	11,030 21	2,707 87	8,610 99	11,318 86		\$288 65
D.	857 26	20 65	877 91	13 97		13 97	863 94	.....
E.	15,346 38	1,853 70	17,200 08	15 26	40	15 66	17,184 42	.....
F.	1,360 87		1,360 87	596 45		596 45	764 42	.....
G.	5,320 97	330 12	5,651 09	4,425 20		4,425 20	1,225 89	.....
H.	162 41	121 75	284 16	1,393 13		1,393 13		1,108 97
I.	6,385 59	1,350 14	7,735 73	52 58	1 70	54 28	7,681 45	.....
K.	4,845 44	2,182 38	7,027 82	108 88	8,467 06	8,575 94		1,548 12
L.	18,783 16	1,753 18	20,536 34	1,243 01	1,017 28	2,260 29	18,276 05	.....
M.	7,597 15	125 46	7,722 61	1,383 73	7,856 38	9,240 11		1,517 50
Total.	137,727 44	27,415 49	165,142 93	16,337 00	27,415 49	43,752 49	125,853 68	4,463 24
Deduct receipts in excess of expenditures.....							4,463 24	
Total net expenditures.....							121,390 44	

## NET QUARTERLY EXPENDITURES.

The following tabular statement exhibits, by departments or abstracts, the total net expenses of the Home during each quarter of the year 1878, to wit:

Abstracts.	First quarter, 1878.	Second quarter, 1878.	Third quarter, 1878.	Fourth quarter, 1878.	Whole year, 1878.
A, Subsistence .....	\$14,640 08	\$7,706 42	\$9,315 04	\$13,269 23	\$44,930 77
B, Construction and repairs ..	4,914 81	5,300 64	14,592 12	10,119 17	34,926 74
C, Stable .....			644 13	118 38	762 51
D, Personal property .....	565 91	186 09	112 99		864 99
E, Current expenses .....	4,561 01	4,216 31	4,383 36	4,023 74	17,184 42
F, Incidental expenses .....	442 59	141 44	90 01	90 38	764 42
G, Transportation .....		1,038 68		1,075 56	2,114 24
H, Clothing .....					
I, Hospital supplies .....	2,104 39	1,793 65	1,822 28	1,961 13	7,681 45
K, Farm .....	876 86	810 44			1,687 30
L, Household expenses .....	5,747 22	3,642 96	3,043 25	5,842 62	18,276 05
M, Manufacturers .....	230 90				230 90
Total .....	34,083 77	24,836 63	34,003 18	36,500 21	129,423 79
NET RECEIPTS IN EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES.					
C, Stable .....	380 93	670 23			1,051 16
D, Personal property .....				1 05	1 05
G, Transportation .....	504 22		384 13		888 35
H, Clothing .....	245 52	118 44	189 82	555 19	1,108 97
K, Farm .....			1,556 18	1,679 24	3,235 42
M, Manufactures .....		478 88	900 45	369 07	1,748 40
Deduct net receipts in excess of expenditures .....	1,130 67	1,267 55	3,030 58	2,604 55	8,033 35
Total net expenditures .....	32,953 10	23,569 08	30,972 60	33,895 66	121,390 44

## COST PER CAPITA.

The average cost per year of keeping each man actually present in the Home, during the year 1878, excluding the value of clothing issued, was \$120, as shown by the following exhibit, to wit:

Value of subsistence stores on hand December 31, 1877 .....	\$3,587 04
Value of fuel on hand December 31, 1877 .....	957 37
Gross expenditures in all departments of the Home during the year 1878...	165,142 93
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>169,687 34</b>
Deduct credits for sales, &c., shown in the above table .....	\$43,752 49
value of subsistence stores on hand December 31, 1878...	4,740 27
value of fuel on hand December 31, 1878 .....	1,450 44
construction and repairs account .....	34,926 74
permanent improvement on farm .....	870 98
cost of transporting 101 beneficiaries to Home before admission .....	706 65
costs in suit, cause of action arising at Central Branch in 1873 .....	257 00
costs in suit against Managers Wolcott and Cavender ...	58 00
<b>Total deductions</b> .....	<b>86,762 57</b>

Net current expenditures in running the Home during the year ..... 82,924 77

Divide \$82,924.77 by 691, the average daily number of beneficiaries actually present, and the result is \$120.

The average value of clothing issued to each man during the year was \$13.08, making the total average cost of keeping and clothing each man \$133.08 per year. The previous year the average cost was \$126.15 exclusive of clothing and \$137.31 including clothing. The gradual and continuous reduction in the annual cost of keeping each beneficiary, as has been remarked in previous reports, may be attributed to the increase in numbers, to the decrease in cost of stores, and to the greater economy of administration rendered possible by the improvements made in the buildings and fixtures.

## COST OF DAILY RATION.

The average cost of the daily ration—including value of all subsistence stores produced by and received from the Home farm and Home stable, the cost of transportation to the Home, the cost of fuel consumed in bakery, and the pay-roll of all persons employed in the subsistence department—during the year 1878, was \$17.35 per hundred, as shown by the following exhibit:

Cost of subsistence on hand December 31, 1877 .....	\$3,587 04
Cost of subsistence purchased for cash .....	42,477 79
Value of subsistence received from Home farm .....	3,373 15
Value of subsistence received from Home stable .....	2,626 51
Value of transportation furnished to subsistence department by the Home stable .....	531 75
Cost of fuel consumed in the bakery .....	180 00
Amount of pay-rolls of employes in bakery and subsistence department ....	1,184 26
<b>Total cost of subsistence stores on hand December 31, 1877, and received during 1878</b> .....	<b>53,960 50</b>
Value of subsistence stores sold for cash .....	\$3,981 01
Value of subsistence stores sold to Home .....	1,461 72
Value of subsistence stores issued to beneficiaries, including cost of labor, &c. ....	43,777 50
Value of subsistence stores on hand December 31, 1878 .....	4,740 27

Total value of subsistence stores issued and sold during the year, and remaining on hand December 31, 1878 ..... 53,960 50



The average daily number of beneficiaries present was 691.49, making the whole number of rations issued 252,394. Divide \$43,777.50, the cost of subsistence, by 252,394, the number of rations issued, and we have 17.35.

The average cost of daily ration issued to hospital during each quarter was—

	Value of subsistence issued.	Number rations issued.			Average cost per hundred.
		To sick.	To attendants.	Total.	
For the first quarter, 1878.....	\$1,815 16	7,518	1,584	9,102	\$19 94
For the second quarter, 1878.....	1,879 47	8,261	1,635	9,896	18 99
For the third quarter, 1878.....	2,015 98	8,200	1,626	9,826	20 52
For the fourth quarter, 1878.....	1,862 17	8,280	1,556	9,836	18 93
For the whole year.....	7,572 78	32,259	6,401	38,660	19 59

The average cost of daily ration issued to general dining-room during each quarter was—

	Value of subsistence issued.	Number of rations issued.	Average cost per hundred.
For the first quarter, 1878.....	\$10,045 69	60,229	\$16 68
For the second quarter, 1878.....	8,353 11	49,221	16 97
For the third quarter, 1878.....	8,782 47	49,149	17 87
For the fourth quarter, 1878.....	9,023 45	55,135	16 37
For the whole year.....	36,204 72	213,734	16 94

The average cost of daily ration issued to the whole Home during each quarter was—

	Value of subsistence issued.	Number of rations issued.	Average cost per hundred.
For the first quarter, 1878.....	\$11,860 85	69,331	\$17 11
For the second quarter, 1878.....	10,232 58	59,117	17 31
For the third quarter, 1878.....	10,798 45	58,975	18 31
For the fourth quarter, 1878.....	10,885 62	64,971	16 75
For the whole year 1878.....	43,777 50	252,394	17 35
For the year 1877.....	47,491 73	247,525	19 19

#### BILL OF FARE.

No permanent diet-list is prescribed either in the general kitchen or hospital, but a bill of fare adapted as far as practicable to the season, is prepared daily, and the commissary employes and cooks are required to conform to it strictly. The following transcript of the bills of fare for the last weeks in the months of May, August, and September, will give a fair idea of the manner in which the general table is supplied throughout the year:

##### BILL OF FARE FOR BREAKFAST.

May 25.—Beef-hash, bread, butter, coffee.  
 May 26.—Beef-stew, potatoes, bread, coffee.  
 May 27.—Boiled ham, potatoes, bread, butter, coffee.  
 May 28.—Beef-hash, bread, butter, coffee.  
 May 29.—Boiled beef, gravy, potatoes, bread, butter, coffee.  
 May 30.—Beef-stew, potatoes, bread, butter, coffee.  
 May 31.—Boiled ham, stewed codfish, potatoes, bread, butter, coffee.  
 Aug. 25.—Beef-stew, bread, butter, coffee.

Aug. 26.—Boiled pork, bread, butter, coffee.  
 Aug. 27.—Beef-stew, bread, butter, coffee.  
 Aug. 28.—Boiled beef, gravy, potatoes, bread, butter, coffee.  
 Aug. 29.—Cold roast beef, bread, butter, coffee.  
 Aug. 30.—Boiled shoulder, stewed codfish, potatoes, bread, butter, coffee.  
 Aug. 31.—Beef-hash, bread, butter, coffee.  
 Dec. 25.—Fried sausage, fried potatoes, coffee, bread, butter.  
 Dec. 26.—Beef-stew, potatoes, bread, butter, coffee.  
 Dec. 27.—Boiled pork, stewed codfish, potatoes, bread, butter, coffee.  
 Dec. 28.—Beef-hash, bread, butter, coffee.  
 Dec. 29.—Beef-stew, potatoes, bread, butter, coffee.  
 Dec. 30.—Boiled pork, gravy, potatoes, bread, butter, coffee.  
 Dec. 31.—Beef-hash, bread, butter, coffee.

## BILL OF FARE FOR DINNER.

May 25.—Corned beef, sauerkraut, potatoes, bread pudding, beets, bread, tea.  
 May 26.—Boiled ham, baked beans, potatoes, stewed prunes, beets, bread, tea.  
 May 27.—Roast beef, gravy, potatoes, pickles, bread, tea.  
 May 28.—Barley soup, boiled beef, potatoes, bread pudding, beets, bread, tea.  
 May 29.—Mutton-stew, boiled beans, potatoes, beets, bread, tea.  
 May 30.—Roast beef, boiled ham, gravy, mashed potatoes, green peas, lettuce, radishes, strawberries and cream, bread, butter, coffee.  
 May 31.—Pea soup, boiled beef, baked codfish, potatoes, pickles, bread, tea.  
 Aug. 25.—Boiled pork, baked beans, potatoes, pickled onions, stewed prunes, bread, tea.  
 Aug. 26.—Roast beef, gravy, summer squash, beets, bread, tea.  
 Aug. 27.—Vegetable soup, boiled beef, potatoes, green corn, beets, bread, tea.  
 Aug. 28.—Mutton-stew, summer squash, potatoes, beets, bread, tea.  
 Aug. 29.—Boiled shoulder, string beans, cucumbers, bread, tea.  
 Aug. 30.—Boiled beef, baked fish, gravy, potatoes, green corn, tomatoes, bread, tea.  
 Aug. 31.—Corned beef, stewed onions, potatoes, tomatoes, bread, tea.  
 Dec. 25.—Roast beef, gravy, cold ham, mashed potatoes, boiled carrots, coldslaw, beets, onions, pickles, bread, butter, apples, oranges, nuts, raisins, crackers, cheese, coffee.  
 Dec. 26.—Boiled pork, cabbage, potatoes, beets, bread, tea.  
 Dec. 27.—Pea soup, boiled beef, baked codfish, potatoes, beets, bread, tea.  
 Dec. 28.—Corned beef, stewed onions, potatoes, beets, bread, tea.  
 Dec. 29.—Boiled pork, baked beans, potatoes, stewed prunes, pickles, bread, tea.  
 Dec. 30.—Roast beef, gravy, potatoes, carrots, pickles, bread, tea.  
 Dec. 31.—Vegetable soup, boiled beef, potatoes, pickles, bread, tea.

## BILL OF FARE FOR SUPPER.

May 25.—Cold meat, pickles, bread, butter, tea.  
 May 26.—Cheese, bread, butter, tea.  
 May 27.—Cold meat, pickles, bread, butter, tea.  
 May 28.—Boiled rice, sirup, bread, butter, tea.  
 May 29.—Apple sauce, corn bread, bread, butter, tea.  
 May 30.—Cold ham, pickles, stewed prunes, cheese, bread, butter, tea.  
 May 31.—Apple sauce, gingerbread, bread, butter, tea.  
 Aug. 25.—Cheese, bread, butter, tea.  
 Aug. 26.—Cold meat, sliced tomatoes, bread, butter, tea.  
 Aug. 27.—Sliced tomatoes, corn bread, bread, butter, tea.  
 Aug. 28.—Sliced tomatoes, corn bread, bread, butter, tea.  
 Aug. 29.—Hominy, sirup, bread, butter, tea.  
 Aug. 30.—Sliced tomatoes, gingerbread, bread, butter, tea.  
 Aug. 31.—Cold meat, pickled onions, bread, butter, tea.  
 Dec. 25.—Cold ham, pickles, stewed prunes, cheese, crackers, gingerbread, bread, butter, tea.  
 Dec. 26.—Hominy, sirup, bread, butter, tea.  
 Dec. 27.—Apple sauce, gingerbread, bread, butter, tea.  
 Dec. 28.—Cold corned beef, pickles, bread, butter, tea.  
 Dec. 29.—Cheese, bread, butter, tea.  
 Dec. 30.—Cold beef, beets, bread, butter, tea.  
 Dec. 31.—Boiled rice, sirup, bread, butter, tea.

## SUBSISTENCE STORES PURCHASED.

The following tabular statement exhibits the quantity and cost of subsistence stores purchased and issued and sold during the year, and

the average price paid therefor, including cost of transportation to the Home:

Articles.	Purchased during the year.		Issued and sold.		Average cost of stores purchased, including transportation.
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	
Apples, dried.....pounds	4,666	\$327 86	5,608	\$414 61	Per 100 lbs. \$7 08
Beans, Navy.....bushels	1,374	247 52	1,343	251 70	do. bush. 183 67
Beef, corned.....pounds	50,330	2,332 80	50,470	2,347 03	do. lbs. 4 65
Beef, fresh.....do.	129,756	8,174 59	131,295	8,273 81	do. lbs. 6 30
Beets.....bushels	146	73 00	171	85 88	do. bush. 50 00
Butter.....pounds	27,235	4,971 56	27,190	4,979 82	do. lbs. 18 25
Cabbage.....do.	50,335	503 35	41,045	410 45	do. lbs. 1 00
Carrots.....bushels	399	199 50	189	94 82	do. bush. 50 00
Catsup, tomato.....gallons	90	90 00	139	139 00	do. galls. 100 00
Cheese.....pounds	3,900	372 98	3,667	360 62	do. lbs. 9 61
Coffee, prepared.....do.	483	117 91	930	215 17	do. lbs. 24 56
Coffee, Java.....do.	1,679	490 60	1,333	386 48	do. lbs. 29 03
Coffee, Rio.....do.	9,498	1,573 36	8,426	1,556 98	do. lbs. 16 62
Cornmeal.....do.	4,800	55 60	4,823	69 69	do. lbs. 1 21
Corn, sweet.....cans	240	31 58	195	27 14	do. cans 13 26
Crackers.....pounds	1,689	86 30	1,672	83 60	do. lbs. 5 16
Currants, dried.....do.	1,216	70 03	1,248	82 36	do. lbs. 5 81
Cucumbers.....bushels	79	49 69	79	49 69	do. bush. 62 50
Eggs.....dozen	3,968	504 06	4,014	515 06	do. dozen 12 75
Fish, fresh, lake.....pounds	5,800	348 00	5,890	353 49	do. lbs. 6 00
Fish, cod.....do.	12,702	557 61	10,741	480 86	do. lbs. 4 44
Flour, baker's.....barrels	1,068	5,784 50	989	5,649 22	do. bbls. 541 62
Flour, Kilbourn.....do.	24	183 75	24	183 75	do. bbls. 765 63
Ham, S. C.....pounds	26,291	1,954 32	26,366	1,966 14	do. lbs. 7 48
Hominy.....do.	2,400	49 50	2,046	46 32	do. lbs. 2 11
Ice.....tons	250	750 00	250	750 00	do. tons 300 00
Lard.....pounds	2,314	180 00	1,650	134 82	do. lbs. 8 69
Macaroni.....do.	100	10 00	137	14 58	do. lbs. 16 05
Milk.....gallons	14,702	2,454 40	14,702	2,454 40	do. galls. 16 70
Mustard.....pounds	500	125 00	618	154 48	do. lbs. 25 05
Mutton.....do.	30,485	1,807 59	29,867	1,771 13	do. lbs. 5 90
Oatmeal.....do.	2,000	49 50	2,056	49 41	do. lbs. 2 53
Onions.....bushels	609	418 76	595	416 50	do. bush. 69 18
Parsnips.....do.	157	78 74	190	103 10	do. bush. 50 00
Peaches, dried.....pounds	558	29 63	672	46 46	do. lbs. 5 36
Peas, split.....do.	3,038	83 56	3,163	87 47	do. lbs. 2 80
Pepper, black.....do.	400	87 50	404	93 37	do. lbs. 21 93
Pickles.....barrels	25	100 00	30	120 00	do. bbls. 400 00
Pork, salt.....pounds	32,400	1,220 00	31,839	1,278 57	do. lbs. 3 77
Potatoes.....bushels	4,057	1,855 68	3,912	1,705 11	do. bush. 45 78
Prunes.....pounds	6,146	517 54	5,479	468 58	do. lbs. 8 47
Rice.....do.	2,831	197 30	2,761	190 55	do. lbs. 7 02
Shoulders, S. C.....do.	7,692	419 42	7,633	418 53	do. lbs. 5 50
Sauerkraut.....barrels	40	200 00	25	125 00	do. bbls. 500 00
Squash.....pounds	11,995	119 95	11,185	111 85	do. lbs. 1 00
Sugar, C (sugar, goods).....do.	29,992	2,757 76	28,517	2,742 44	do. lbs. 9 24
Sugar, granulated and powdered.....do.	6,149	639 99	7,815	847 45	do. lbs. 10 46
Sirup.....gallons	723	351 40	743	360 98	do. galls. 50 49
Tea, Oolong, for general use.....pounds	5,035	1,647 65	3,203	1,020 05	do. lbs. 32 77
Tea, Oolong, best.....do.	121	70 45	121	70 45	do. lbs. 58 23
Tea, Young Hyson.....do.	244	148 11	260	164 37	do. lbs. 59 65
Tobacco, plug.....do.	498	252 84	639	320 94	do. lbs. 50 82
Tobacco, smoking.....do.	3,500	1,105 20	2,896	896 11	do. lbs. 31 63
Tomatoes, fresh.....bushels	334	167 37	334	167 37	do. bush. 50 00
Turnips.....do.	207	103 50	281	140 37	do. bush. 50 00
Turkey.....pounds	1,198	107 82	1,198	107 82	do. lbs. 9 00
Vinegar.....gallons	1,030	257 50	1,044	261 50	do. galls. 25 05
Miscellaneous.....		1,013 23		706 37	
Transportation furnished by Home stable during the year.....		48,477 45		47,324 22	
Fuel for bakery furnished by Home during the year.....		531 75		531 75	
Cash paid for labor in subsistence department during the year.....		180 00		180 00	
Cost of subsistence stores on hand, December 31, 1877.....		1,184 26		1,184 26	
Cost of subsistence stores on hand, December 31, 1878.....		3,587 04			
				4,740 27	
		53,960 50		53,960 50	

As most of the leading articles of subsistence were furnished to the Home under yearly contracts, there was but very little difference in the prices paid during the several quarters, except in the item of flour, of which the average cost per barrel was as follows:

First quarter.....	\$5 94
Second quarter.....	5 39
Third quarter.....	5 74
Fourth quarter.....	4 62

#### NEW BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS.

During the year the old wooden building occupied by the shops has been reconstructed, with a dormitory in the second story, and supplied with heating apparatus, gas, water, and sewerage, affording excellent quarters for fifty-two men. On putting in the new boilers it was found necessary to enlarge the boiler-room, and, the extension being carried up to include the second story, additional quarters for eight men were thereby secured; and over the new milk-house rooms sufficient for a small family were constructed, which are now occupied by the sergeant-major. Construction, improvements, and repairs during the year have been limited to the following items, to wit:

Constructing, setting, and covering two new boilers.....	\$10,000 00
Enlargement of boiler-room and linen-room.....	2,250 00
New floor, elevator, drains, &c., for boiler-room and coal-room.....	450 00
Laying steam, gas, water, and drain pipe for water-works from main building to steam fire-engine house.....	975 00
Laying steam, gas, water, and drain pipe, main building to shops.....	750 00
404½ feet steam-pipe covering.....	200 00
New stone steps main building, and on railroad bank.....	250 00
New iron stairs at hospital.....	150 00
Enlarging and rebuilding shops, labor performed by inmates.....	3,263 81
New milk-house.....	1,281 24
Addition and repairs to farmer's quarters.....	236 37
Repairs and painting barns and stables.....	391 50
New wagon-shed, kitchen-stoop, and woodshed.....	592 38
Drinking-fountain on avenue near milk-house.....	125 00
New sewerage for shop-building and gas-house.....	160 00
New sewerage and cementing cellar, commandant's quarters.....	400 00
New sewerage, secretary's and surgeon's quarters.....	100 00
General sewerage and drains.....	865 00
Stone drain, hospital meadow.....	700 00
847 rods new and relaid stone gutters on avenues.....	2,039 86
2,600 loads gravel, and labor, on avenues.....	1,036 44
Grading and turling.....	772 00
New concrete paths.....	250 00
Frescoing commandant's quarters and reception-room.....	316 00
New coffee and tea urns and steam-kettles in general kitchen, and coffee-mill.....	1,500 00
Eight new automatic hose-reels.....	385 00
Painting Home buildings.....	607 32
Carpenter work, general repairs.....	667 59
400 trees purchased and planted, and protected by tree-boxes.....	300 00
General repairs on boilers, machinery, water, steam, and gas pipes, &c.....	3,912 23
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Total cost of new buildings, improvements, and repairs, charged to Abstract B.....	34,926 74
Drain-pipe and tile on farm, charged to Abstract K.....	870 98
Cost of new fountain, charged to contingent fund.....	1,303 02
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Total cost of new buildings and improvements during the year.....	37,100 74

The maximum number of men who can now be cared for at this branch is 860, including quarters for 100 in hospital. But, having due reference to health and comfort, no more than 800 ought ordinarily to be quartered in the existing dormitories. We can properly care for all appli-



cants entitled to the benefits of the Home who may seek admission during the present winter, unless an unprecedented increase shall occur.

It is probable that the number of disabled soldiers who will desire and be entitled to the benefits of the Home twenty years from now will be quite as large as the number reared for at the present time, and that during the intervening period the number of beneficiaries will be greatly increased. Of those who served in the Union armies and survived the war, a large majority were at the threshold of manhood when they entered the service, and have not yet reached two score years, and are not so largely represented among those who have heretofore availed themselves of the benefits of the Home as are the more advanced in life; but as the younger men advance in years, existing germs of disease incident to the war will develop, wounds will bring premature dependence, business misfortunes will occur, families will be separated, and many who are now manfully supporting themselves will in their declining years be compelled to avail themselves of this beneficent provision of the republic for their sustenance and care. And while the remembrance of their services and sacrifices is fresh in the minds of the people, it will be well to secure permanent and healthful buildings of sufficient capacity to meet every anticipated demand in the near future upon the hospitality of the Home.

## STABLE.

The receipts and expenditures on account of the stable during the year were as follows:

Cash value of stable products sold .....	\$11, 318 86
Cash expended on account of stable.....	5, 056 73
Bought of Home on account of stable.....	5, 973 48
Gross expenditures on account of stable.....	11, 030 21
Net profit of stable.....	288 65

The following is a detailed statement of the sale of stable products during the year:

Articles sold.	Quantity.	Sold for cash.	Sold to Home.	Total.
Bones.....pounds..	8,700	\$21 75	-----	\$21 75
Bull and boar service .....		2 00	-----	2 00
Calves .....	16	91 50	-----	91 50
Chickens .....	122	1 00	\$29 50	30 50
Corn .....bushels..	61	22 07	-----	22 07
Cows .....	5	157 00	-----	157 00
Ducks .....	54	-----	18 40	18 40
Eggs .....dozens..	781½	-----	111 86	111 86
Forage, officers' horses.....		157 50	480 00	637 50
General teaming for Home .....		-----	5,108 11	5,108 11
Grease .....pounds..	4,761	316 25	-----	316 25
Hearse and team at funerals .....		-----	90 00	90 00
Hire of teams.....		43 86	-----	43 86
Hogs .....	95	1,047 07	-----	1,047 07
Keep of cows .....		13 75	-----	13 75
Lambs .....	8	16 00	-----	16 00
Manure .....loads..	2,000	-----	500 00	500 00
Milk .....gallons..	13,483	-----	2,259 36	2,259 36
Oats .....bushels..	29	11 01	-----	11 01
Pigs .....	55	210 50	-----	210 50
Sheep .....	167	384 00	-----	384 00
Straw .....pounds..	5,705	25	13 76	14 01
Sundries .....		62	-----	62
Wool .....pounds..	1,261	211 74	-----	211 74
Total .....		2,707 87	8,610 99	11,318 86

FARM AND GARDEN.

The value of the products of the farm and garden, and the cost of operating the same during the year 1878, were as follows:

Cash value of crops raised.....	\$8,567 86
Cash sales of surplus and useless property on account of farm .....	8 08
Total receipts.....	8,575 94
Cash expended on account of farm and garden .....	\$4,845 44
Bought of home on account of farm and garden.....	2,182 38
Gross expenditures on account of farm and garden.....	\$7,027 82
Less amount expended for permanent improvement, to wit:	
Cash for purchase of 6,437 feet of drain pipe.....	\$324 50
Cash for labor in putting down 6,437 feet of drain pipe..	289 66
Cash for stone to build 1,128 feet of stone drain .....	24 75
Cash for labor in building 1,128 feet of stone drain .....	101 52
Cash for labor in relaying 2,611 feet drain pipe.....	130 55
	870 98
Current expenditures to carry on farm and garden.....	6,156 84
Net profits of farm and garden.....	2,419 10

Market value of crop raised, 1873, \$8,748.39; net profit of farm, \$3,504.37.  
Market value of crop raised, 1874, \$9,193.90; net profit of farm, \$2,150.00.  
Market value of crop raised, 1875, \$9,414.10; net profit of farm, \$3,404.31.  
Market value of crop raised, 1876, \$7,581.07; net profit of farm, \$2,037.91.  
Market value of crop raised, 1877, \$8,488.63; net profit of farm, \$2,903.37.  
Market value of crop raised, 1878, \$8,567.86; net profit of farm, \$2,419.10.  
Market value of crop raised, 6 years, \$51,993.95; net profit of farm, \$16,419.06.  
Expended for permanent improvement of farm during last 6 years, \$9,264.09.

The following tabular statement exhibits in detail the products of the farm and garden and the value and disposition of each article produced:

Products.	Crop raised year 1878.			Sales—				Total.
				To Home.		For cash.		
	Quantity.	Value.	Total value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	
		<i>Cents.</i>						
Apples.....bushels..	37	75	\$27 75	37	\$27 75			\$27 75
Asparagus.....bunches..	34	10	3 40	34	3 40			3 40
Beans (string).....bushels..	90	50to100	57 00	90	57 00			57 00
Beets.....do.....	146	50	73 00	146	73 00			73 00
Cabbage.....pounds.....	60,415	01	604 15	50,335	503 35	10,080	\$100 80	604 15
Carrots.....bushels.....	399	50	199 50	399	199 50			199 50
Celery.....dozen.....	32	25	8 00	32	8 00			8 00
Corn.....bushels.....	1,113	31 to 40	352 95	1,113	352 95			352 95
Cucumbers.....do.....	79½	62½	49 70	79½	49 70			49 70
Currants.....do.....	13	100	13 00	13	13 00			13 00
Firewood.....cords.....	202½	350	708 50	202½	708 50			708 50
Fodder.....tons.....	30	400	120 00	30	120 00			120 00
Gooseberries.....bushels.....	11	100	11 00	11	11 00			11 00
Greens.....pounds.....	1,205	01	12 05	1,205	12 05			12 05
Hay.....tons.....	291	750	2,182 50	291	2,182 50			2,182 50
Hay (green).....do.....	46	400	184 00	46	184 00			184 00
Ice.....do.....	250	300	750 00	250	750 00			750 00
Lettuce.....pounds.....	1,616	04	64 64	1,616	64 64			64 64
Mangel wurzel.....tons.....	17¾	1000	177 50	17¾	177 50			177 50
Oats.....bushels.....	2,080	24	499 20	2,080	499 20			499 20
Onions.....do.....	524	50 to 75	364 37	524	364 37			364 37
Parsnips.....do.....	213½	50	106 50	213½	106 50			106 50
Pasturing cattle.....heads.....	42	500	210 00	42	210 00			210 00
Pasturing sheep...do.....	261	100	261 00	261	261 00			261 00
Pease (green).....bushels.....	68	125	85 00	68	85 00			85 00
Potatoes.....do.....	1,446	25 to 70	699 70	1,446	699 70			699 70

Products.	Crop raised year 1878.			Sales—				Total.
				To Home.		For cash.		
	Quantity.	Value.	Total value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	
		<i>Cents.</i>						
Rhubarb ..... pounds..	1, 190	02½	\$29 75	1, 190	\$29 75	.....	.....	\$29 75
Spinach ..... do .....	2, 029	02½	50 72	2, 029	50 72	.....	.....	50 72
Squash ..... do .....	11, 995	01	119 95	11, 995	119 95	.....	.....	119 95
Straw (oat) ..... tons..	56½	400	226 72	56½	226 72	.....	.....	226 72
Sundries ..... do .....			53 51	.....	45 43	.....	\$8 08	53 51
Tomatoes ..... bushels ..	334½	50	167 38	334½	167 38	.....	.....	167 38
Turnips ..... do .....	207	50	103 50	207	103 50	.....	.....	103 50
Totals.....	.....	.....	8, 575 94	.....	8, 467 06	.....	108 88	8, 575 94

I certify that the foregoing statement of "Products of farm and garden" is a correct abstract from the books in my office.

W. H. LOUGH,  
*Secretary.*

## SHOPS.

The following table exhibits the number of mechanical trades carried on at this branch during the year 1878, with number of men employed in each shop, amount of expenditure, value of products, and net profits in each, to wit:

Mechanical trades.	Number of men employed.*	Expenditures.			
		Tools and materials on hand December 31, 1877.	Cash.	Home.	Total.
Blacksmith shop.....	*3	\$737 66	\$918 19	\$101 45	\$1, 764 30
Broom shop.....					
Carpenter shop.....	15	542 71	3, 207 57	20 71	3, 770 99
Harness shop.....	1	231 73	412 25	.....	643 98
Paint shop.....	8	210 32	1, 279 44	.....	1, 489 76
Printing office and bookbindery.....	4	978 89	495 69	3 30	1, 477 88
Shoe shop.....	2	283 14	720 51	.....	1, 003 65
Tin shop.....	3	467 23	563 50	.....	1, 030 73
Totals.....	46	3, 451 68	7, 597 15	125 46	11, 181 29

\* Including one citizen.

Mechanical trades.	Receipts.				
	Cash.	Home.	Tools and materials on hand December 31, 1878.	Totals.	Profit.
Blacksmith shop.....	\$100 57	\$1, 120 92	\$703 10	1, 924 59	\$160 49
Broom shop.....	6 00	.....	.....	6 00	6 00
Carpenter shop.....	111 50	3, 557 82	396 84	4, 066 16	295 17
Harness shop.....	67 36	429 40	221 07	717 83	63 75
Paint shop.....	104 26	1, 444 78	163 90	1, 712 94	223 18
Printing office and bookbindery.....	236 43	525 71	969 92	1, 732 06	253 18
Shoe shop.....	686 84	129 39	202 60	1, 018 83	15 18
Tin shop.....	70 77	648 36	420 32	1, 139 45	108 72
Totals.....	1, 383 78	7, 856 38	3, 677 75	12, 317 61	1, 125 42

## CLOTHING.

The rule for issuing clothing at this branch has been modified during the year, and is now as follows: Each beneficiary when admitted to the Home for the first time is given clothing to the value of \$15, and sixty days afterwards he is given clothing to the value of \$6.55, making the value of his admission suit, for which no charge is made, \$21.55; subsequently, if he requires it, he is allowed clothing to the value of \$24.37 per year; and if he has an income from pension or extra duty, or both, exceeding \$5 per month, he is required to pay for it; otherwise it is donated to him. The following table exhibits the kind, quantity, and value, as fixed by General Orders of the War Department for 1871, of all clothing issued during the year:

Articles issued.	Number, first quarter.	Number, second quarter.	Number, third quarter.	Number, fourth quarter.	Donated to beneficiaries.		Paid for by beneficiaries.		Total.	
					No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
Blouses, lined .....	251	33	37	284	525	\$1, 118 25	80	\$170 40	605	\$1, 288 65
Blouses, lined, extra .....	2	6	2	5	12	49 80	3	12 45	15	62 25
Blouses, unlined .....	100	124	124	208	208	368 16	16	28 32	224	396 48
Boots, extra, pairs .....	2	3	7	1	1	2 50	11	27 50	12	30 00
Boots, pairs .....	51	22	6	25	81	167 67	23	47 61	104	215 28
Caps, forage .....	142	87	100	161	440	193 60	50	22 00	490	215 60
Coats, uniform .....	152	52	56	75	307	1, 703 85	28	155 40	335	1, 859 25
Coats, uniform, extra .....	4	1	1	6	9	87 75	3	29 25	12	117 00
Coats, great .....	92	1	1	150	230	1, 225 90	13	69 29	243	1, 295 19
Drawers, pairs .....	489	214	277	512	1, 318	830 44	174	109 38	1, 492	939 82
Frocks, fatigue .....	5	5	5	5	5	4 65	5	4 65	5	4 65
Hats, uniform .....	104	49	45	48	242	242 00	4	4 00	246	246 00
Overalls, pairs .....	71	48	30	23	163	177 67	9	9 81	172	187 48
Shirts, cotton .....	10	11	2	3	24	18 00	2	1 50	26	19 50
Shirts, knit .....	539	231	326	556	1, 520	1, 520 00	132	132 00	1, 652	1, 652 00
Shoes, pairs .....	317	154	168	257	818	981 60	78	93 60	896	1, 075 20
Socks, pairs .....	696	318	373	678	1, 840	483 12	225	59 73	2, 065	542 85
Trousers, pairs .....	298	155	189	296	818	1, 717 80	120	252 00	938	1, 969 80
Trousers, pairs, extra .....	6	2	3	7	7	28 70	4	16 40	11	45 10
Ponchos .....	1	1	1	1	1	2 63	1	2 63	1	2 63
Slippers, hospital .....	49	100	100	149	149	54 90	149	54 90	149	54 90
Dark-blue cloth, yards .....	6	6	6	6	12	32 04	12	32 04	12	32 04
Sky-blue-kersey, yards .....	14½	34½	34½	12	10 50	37½	32 59	49½	43 09	43 09
Chevrons .....	4	4	4	4	4	1 64	4	1 64	4	1 64
Total .....						10, 991 13		1, 305 27		12, 296 40

Value of clothing issued during first quarter, \$4,298.36; second quarter, \$1,760.26; third quarter, \$2,064.14; fourth quarter, \$4,173.64.

## LAUNDRY.

The work of the Home laundry, in which six men were regularly employed during the year, has been as follows:

Articles.	1st quarter.	2d quarter.	3d quarter.	4th quarter.	Total for year 1878.
Aprons .....	452	439	457	472	1, 800
Bed-ticks .....	4	47	157	1	209
Bedspreads .....	168	442	332	161	1, 103
Blankets .....	98	361	58	166	683
Blouses .....	10	17	6	7	40
Drawers (pairs) .....	5, 149	4, 789	3, 982	4, 514	18, 434
Gowns, hospital .....	101	84	39	41	265
Napkins .....	416	426	416	416	1, 674
Overalls .....	209	271	251	212	943
Pillow-slips .....	10, 297	9, 010	8, 544	9, 249	37, 100
Sheets .....	10, 227	8, 862	8, 477	9, 314	36, 880
Socks (pairs) .....	2, 989	2, 874	2, 204	2, 629	10, 696
Shirts .....	6, 640	6, 283	5, 657	6, 265	24, 845
Trousers (pairs) .....	193	254	202	202	851
Towels, roller .....	3, 851	3, 710	3, 876	3, 991	15, 428
Towels, hand .....	6, 698	6, 171	6, 548	6, 867	26, 284
Tablecloths .....	26	48	68	78	220
Miscellaneous .....	83	83	83	83	83
Total .....	47, 611	44, 088	41, 254	44, 585	177, 538



## SANITARY REGULATIONS.

Beneficiaries of this branch are required to bathe not less frequently than once a week; and the company sergeants and hospital steward are charged with the duty of enforcing strict obedience to this rule.

## DISCIPLINE.

The most unwelcome as well as the most imperative duties devolving upon the commanding officer of the Home are those connected with the maintenance of necessary discipline among the beneficiaries. These delicate and responsible offices should be exercised without fear or favor, and not in accordance with Beccaria's pernicious fallacy, "the greatest good of the greatest number," under which theory any act of barbarism or injustice may be sanctioned so long as the majority is not injuriously affected thereby, but in accordance with the more enlightened sentiment, "the greatest good of the whole number," which recognizes all persons as equally entitled to the protection of the State, and to attain this end, permits the natural rights of every individual to be in some measure abridged. Therefore, in an institution like this, regulations requiring inmates to conform to certain rules in their dormitories and at the table, to observe habits of cleanliness and order, to be present at stated roll-calls, and to repair to their quarters at certain hours, prohibiting inebriation, vulgarity, and boisterous conduct, &c., are indispensable, although they are in fact abridgments of natural rights. Generally, the beneficiaries of this Home cheerfully conform to the regulations established for their government, but in some instances the rules can be enforced only by the imposition upon offenders of adequate penalties, which are restricted to fines, laboring without pay, and confinement for limited periods in the guard-house. Fines are occasionally remitted for long-continued exemplary conduct, or for the benefit of dependent families, and in the exercise of his discretion the commanding officer has, during the year 1878, remitted penalties to the amount of \$594.91.

The following tabular statement exhibits the number and nature of offenses committed against the discipline of the Home during the year 1878, by pensioners and by non-pensioners and the amount of penalties imposed upon each class, to wit:

Nature of offenses.	Pensioners.	Non-pensioners.	Total.
Drunk.....	218	228	446
Under influence of liquor.....	309	206	515
Absence without leave.....	890	544	1,434
Assault, and fighting in quarters.....	13	13	26
Bringing liquor into the Home.....	6	8	14
Theft or robbery.....	2	4	6
Disposing of uniform-clothing.....	3	3	6
Violation of other rules.....	243	196	439
Other misdemeanors.....	73	63	136
Whole number of offenses.....	1,757	1,265	3,022
Total amount of fines imposed.....	\$3,657 55	\$1,443 98	\$5,101 53
Total number of days' labor imposed as penalties.....	305	5,217	5,522
Total number of days' confinement in guard-house.....	143	936	1,079
Amount of fines remitted during the year.....	\$322 75	\$272 16	\$594 91

The whole number of pensioners in the Home during the year was 536, of which 262, or 49 per cent., committed 1,757 offenses, and 274 committed no offenses. The whole number of non-pensioners in the Home during the year was 763, of which 323, or 42 per cent., com-

mitted 1,265 offenses, and 449 committed no offenses. The following tabular statement exhibits the number of offenses committed by each beneficiary during the year, to wit:

	Total.
1 man committed 53 offenses .....	53
1 man committed 47 offenses .....	47
2 men committed 35 offenses .....	70
1 man committed 34 offenses .....	34
3 men committed 32 offenses .....	96
1 man committed 29 offenses .....	29
1 man committed 28 offenses .....	28
1 man committed 26 offenses .....	26
2 men committed 23 offenses .....	46
2 men committed 22 offenses .....	44
2 men committed 21 offenses .....	42
7 men committed 19 offenses .....	133
7 men committed 18 offenses .....	126
3 men committed 17 offenses .....	51
4 men committed 16 offenses .....	64
5 men committed 15 offenses .....	75
5 men committed 14 offenses .....	70
13 men committed 13 offenses .....	169
7 men committed 12 offenses .....	84
10 men committed 11 offenses .....	110
5 men committed 10 offenses .....	50
19 men committed 9 offenses .....	171
23 men committed 8 offenses .....	184
21 men committed 7 offenses .....	147
22 men committed 6 offenses .....	132
40 men committed 5 offenses .....	200
48 men committed 4 offenses .....	192
64 men committed 3 offenses .....	192
92 men committed 2 offenses .....	184
173 men committed 1 offense .....	173
Total .....	3,022

Seven hundred and fourteen inmates committed no offenses.

Of twelve hundred and ninety-nine beneficiaries who have been cared for in this branch during the year 1878, 714 have committed no offense against the discipline of the Home or the laws of the land; and 173 have committed but one offense each. Considering the fact that the beneficiaries of the Home are separated from restraining family and domestic influences, and that few of the offenses recorded against them here would generally be considered as offenses against public policy, the record of their deportment cannot but be gratifying to and challenge the admiration of all friends of the institution. It is, indeed, rarely that an agricultural horse-trot, an outdoor political gathering, a religious camp-meeting, or any village containing 1,000 male adults, is not daily vexed with more of inebriety and disorder than is ever found at this Home.

#### DISHONORABLE DISCHARGES.

As an ultimate means of preserving discipline, it sometimes becomes the imperative duty of the commandant, with the approval of the president of the Board of Managers, to expel incorrigible offenders from the Home. In the exercise of this discretion, after repeated warnings and great forbearance in each case, 22 beneficiaries have been dishonorably discharged from this branch during the year, for offenses as follows:

Incorrigible drunkenness, repeated absence without leave, and general misconduct, 7.

Habitual drunkenness and absence without leave, lounging about liquor saloons in the vicinity of the Home, and refusing to perform labor

imposed, as penalty for misconduct, or as a condition of readmission to the Home, 9.

Repeated drunkenness and absence without leave, and having been arrested by civil authorities and sentenced to the house of correction for disorderly conduct in the city of Milwaukee, 2.

Theft, and carrying off and disposing of government clothing, 3.

Representing a dead man, and having in his name gained admission to the Home, in 1872, and attempting to fraudulently obtain a pension, for which he was arrested by the civil authorities and convicted, and sentenced to the penitentiary, 1.

#### INSPECTION BY THE PUBLIC.

During the year 1878, 4,818 visitors, representing every part of the country and several foreign nations, have been registered at this branch and shown through the buildings, and many of them have taken occasion to express to the commandant their surprise and gratification at the cleanliness and good order which has everywhere prevailed. And it is estimated that upward of 60,000 people have visited the park during the year.

#### OFFICE BUSINESS.

Some idea of the amount of office business transacted by the commandant and treasurer may be obtained from the following statement:

Letters written .....	1,782	Substance requisitions examined	
Indorsements made .....	423	and signed .....	707
General orders issued .....	137	Reports of cash sales examined	
Circular orders issued .....	4	and settled .....	89
Special orders issued .....	113	Returns of property examined and	
Admission papers made .....	349	settled .....	292
Consolidated morning reports		Details examined and signed .....	666
made .....	493	Transportation orders given .....	817
Discharges made .....	237	Purchase orders given .....	1,240
Applications for military history	61	Vouchers and abstracts examined	
Home records furnished other		and approved .....	2,480
branches .....	34	Pension abstracts made .....	2,850
Furloughs given and extended ...	735	Checks drawn .....	5,581
General requisitions examined and		Total number of examinations	
signed .....	1,494	and signatures required .....	20,612

I am under renewed obligations to Dr. E. B. Wolcott, the resident member of the Board of Managers, and to the officers and non-commissioned officers of the Home, for assistance and faithful co-operation in the discharge of my duties.

I am, general, most respectfully,

EDWARD W. HINCKS,  
*Commandant and Treasurer.*

Maj. Gen. JOHN H. MARTINDALE,  
*Secretary of the Board of Managers.*

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#### PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE NATIONAL HOME FOR DISABLED VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS.

OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL, U. S. A.,  
*Washington, D. C., March 19, 1878.*

The Board of Managers of National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers met at the Office of the Surgeon-General U. S. A., in the city of Washington, D. C., on this, Tuesday, March 19, 1878, at 12 o'clock m.



President Butler in the chair.

There were also present Chief Justice Waite, General Martindale, Governor Smyth, Judge Bond, Dr. Wolcott, General Negley, and Mr. Gunckel.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The regular quarterly reports from the several branches, including returns, estimates, &c., were received, examined, and ordered on file.

#### REPORTS.

Judge Bond submitted written report from the visiting committee to the Eastern Branch, showing that the committee had visited said branch and examined the accounts of expenditures thereat, for the year ending January 1, 1878, and found the same correct and properly vouched. Report received and ordered on file.

Governor Smyth reported that Judge Bond and he visited the Southern Branch and examined the accounts of the treasurer of the said branch for the year ending January 1, 1878, and found the same correct and supported by proper vouchers.

Report received and ordered on file.

General Butler, from the committee appointed to consider the subject, made the following report:

WASHINGTON, D. C., *February 8, 1878.*

The committee charged with that duty having before them the requisitions of the several branches of the Home for clothing and bedding for the year 1878, report that under the construction of the act of Congress approved January 23, 1873, the Home is entitled to receive from the Quartermaster's Department, for the year 1878, 1,821 snits of clothing, or the equivalents of the same in clothing from the stock on hand in the Quartermaster's Department.

The Secretary of War, on February 21, 1877, in assenting to the request of your committee for a settlement of the clothing account under this act, for the year 1876, says: "I would respectfully state that in future the Asylum [Home] will have to look to Congress for an appropriation for this purpose, as the War Department cannot any longer furnish the amount of clothing required."

Notwithstanding this decision of the War Department your committee have felt it their duty to apply to the Quartermaster's Department for the 1,821 snits of clothing, or their equivalents. Up to this time no reply has been received by the War Department. The money value of these equivalents at the price heretofore fixed is \$40,116.63. As some articles of clothing and bedding were needed for immediate use, the committee had asked for proposals from leading dealers in and manufacturers of the clothing and bedding required, and having received them, after a careful examination and due consideration of the same, have accepted the offer of Messrs. Pitkin & Thomas, of Philadelphia, Penn., for the supply of clothing as follows:

- 1,650 great-coats, 750<sup>3</sup>, 850<sup>4</sup>, 50<sup>5</sup>, at \$6.44 each.
- 1,600 dress-coats, 1,100<sup>4</sup>, 500<sup>5</sup>, at \$9.75 each.
- 5,800 lined blouses, 300<sup>2</sup>, 2,500<sup>3</sup>, 2,500<sup>4</sup>, 500<sup>5</sup>, at \$2.90 each.
- 6,200 pairs trousers, 250<sup>1</sup>, 3,100<sup>3</sup>, 2,850<sup>4</sup>, at \$3.05 each.
- 15,000 pairs drawers, large sizes, at 60 cents each.
- 15,000 knit shirts, large sizes, at \$1 each.

500 pairs hospital slippers, at 50 cents each.

All to be equal to the United States Army standard in quality, and all to be subject to inspection and acceptance by a board of survey at the several branches where delivered, and we have required the contractors to give a bond in the sum of \$25,000 for the faithful performance of this contract on their part to the satisfaction of the Home.

It will be noticed that all of this clothing, with the exception of 250 pairs of trousers and 300 lined blouses, is required to be of the largest sizes, and has to be made up, the stock of the old pattern Army clothing of these sizes being exhausted. The standard schedules of the Quartermaster's Department require only twenty per cent. of No. 3, and five per cent. of No. 4, while a glance at the sizes required by the Homes shows the extraordinary needs of the Home in large sizes.

Your committee had before them the price-list of clothing of the Quartermaster's Department, taking effect on January 1, 1878, and upon comparison and computation find that the aggregate, at the price of the contractors, is \$9,750 less than the Quarter-



master Department's prices for the same articles of clothing, without taking into consideration the question, a very important one, of sizes at all.

Your committee also awarded to the same parties a contract to deliver 4,000 gray-wool blankets, to weigh 10 lbs. per pair, at \$2.37½ each, while the Quartermaster Department's price, as stated in the price-list for the year 1878, is \$4.25 each, being an aggregate of \$7,500 in favor of the Home on blankets.

The committee also asked for and received proposals to supply articles of bedding for the year 1878, and after consideration awarded to John S. Holden & Co., of New York, as follows:

7,000 linen sheets, @ \$1.29 each.

700 bed sacks, @ \$1.16 each.

50 hair mattresses, @ \$10 each.

And to Pitkin & Thomas, Philadelphia, as follows:

7,000 linen pillow-cases, @ 36 cents each.

1,000 linen counterpanes, @ \$1.60 each.

400 hair pillows, @ \$1.10 each.

850 iron bedsteads, @ \$5.50 each.

900 white hospital blankets, @ \$3.40 each.

4,000 gray blankets, @ \$2.37½ each.

They being respectively the lowest bidders. All of the bedding is to be of the United States Army Hospital standard, with the exception of gray blankets and bedsteads, which are to be of the United States Army standard, as being better for the wants of the Home, besides being more durable. Bonds have also been required for the faithful performance of these awards, and are to be subject to the same inspection, &c., as the clothing.

The aggregate cost of the clothing so contracted for is \$89,206; of bedding, \$32,137; together making \$121,343, for which amount an appropriation will be required. If the Quartermaster's Department accede to the request of your committee for equivalents, \$40,116.63 will be deducted from this amount, as the contractors for clothing are required to take such equivalents if it seems to be for the interests of the Home, and at a price to be fixed when it is known what the equivalents are to be.

In view of the fact that so large an amount of clothing is to be made up for the use of the Home, your committee submit the question whether measures ought not to be taken to have our clothing made up at the several branches, purchasing only the material by contract, to be manufactured to our order.

BENJAMIN F. BUTLER,  
JOHN H. MARTINDALE,  
FREDERICK SMYTH,

*Committee.*

After some discussion, the further consideration of the matter was, on motion, deferred until to-morrow.

#### APPLICATIONS FOR REMISSION OF PENALTIES.

The application of the following inmates for remission of penalties heretofore imposed by the board are refused—no sufficient reasons appearing for a reversal or modification of the action heretofore taken:

John B. Devenessee, late Company I, Thirty-fourth New York Volunteers, and of Eastern Branch.

Charles Wilson, late Company F, Sixteenth Massachusetts Volunteers, and of General Branch.

Emile Fraipont, late Company A, Thirty-ninth New York Volunteers, and of Southern Branch.

#### APPLICATIONS FOR EFFECTS OF DECEASED INMATES.

The applications for the effects of deceased inmates in the following cases are approved, and the treasurers directed and authorized to pay over the same, taking proper vouchers therefor:

Mrs. Mary Kostman, of Minneapolis, Minn., for effects of her deceased husband, Karl Kostman, late of Northwestern Branch.

Mrs. Ellen Turnell, of Dayton, Ohio, for effects of her late husband, Samuel Turnell, Seventeenth Ohio Battery.

Mrs R. R. Dingman, of Niantic, Ill., for effects of her deceased brother, George G. Gabriel, late of Central Branch.

Isabella Humphrey, of Pittsburgh, Pa., for effects of her late husband, Samuel Humphrey, Company H, Ninety-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers.

James Moon, Samuel Moon, and King Moon, of Morrow County, Ohio, for effects of their father, Joseph Moon, late of Central Branch.

Mrs. Maria Phillips, for effects of deceased husband, James M. Phillips, late Fifty-third Indiana Volunteers, and of Central Branch.

George Messer, an inmate of Central Branch, for repayment of money deposited with Lieut. E. J. Beers, late lieutenant in command of Provost Guard of Central Branch, from effects of said decedent.

Herrman A. Ramsey, of Knox County, Ohio, for effects of Harman S. Blue, late of Central Branch, to repay expenses of last illness and funeral.

Margaret J. Heeg, of Saint Louis, Mo., for effects of her brother, William T. Greer, late of Central Branch.

Mrs. Ann Noonan, of Buffalo, N. Y., for effects of her son, John Noonan, late of Central Branch, she being 72 years of age, and having been dependent on her son for support.

The application of Charles Mueller, of Philadelphia, Pa., for effects of Joseph Klefus, late of Central Branch, is refused, but authority is given the governor to pay over the same to the widow or minor child of said Joseph Klefus, if satisfied that either is living and was dependent upon him for support.

The application of John D. Miller, of Saint Louis, Mo., for expenses in burial of Jacob Meyers, late of Central Branch, is so far approved as to authorize the treasurer to pay the sum of \$30 in full payment therefor, but no more.

The application of Mrs. Caroline Stoutenberg, of Fulton County, New York, for effects of her brother, Elijah Peake, late of Central Branch, is referred to Governor Brown with authority to pay the same, upon satisfactory proof of the truth of statements by her made.

The applications of the following are refused:

John Foreman, of Philadelphia, Pa., for effects of his deceased brother, Samuel Foreman, late of Central Branch.

Mrs. Kate Howland, of Quebec, Canada, for effects of her brother, James Dillon, late Company H, One hundred and twenty-fourth Ohio Volunteers, and inmate of Central Branch.

Mrs. K. M. Sullivan, of Milwaukee, Wis., for payment of a claim alleged to be due from Michael O'Connor, from effects of said decedent, who was an inmate of Northwestern Branch.

Mrs. Mary Neilson, a boarding-house keeper in Milwaukee, for payment of a claim from effects of Eoban Stahlshmidt, late of Northwestern Branch.

James G. Kenelly, of Brooklyn, N. Y., for repayment of a loan claimed to have been made by him to James Demison, then an inmate of Central Branch, and who deceased two years ago, leaving effects of little value, which were converted to money and turned into the Home treasury.

The board then proceeded to consider applications for readmission.

#### READMISSIONS TO CENTRAL BRANCH.

The following soldiers, heretofore discharged, were, for sufficient reasons, readmitted unconditionally:

Gustav Mason, late Company C, Twenty-third Ohio Volunteers.

John Scott, late Company E, Twenty-ninth United States Colored Troops.

James Laracy, late Company G, Sixty-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteers.

Levi Pritchard, late Company G, Thirty-ninth Indiana Volunteers.

Henry Miller, late Company K, Seventy-third Pennsylvania Volunteers.

Michael J. Brady, late Company D, Tenth New Jersey Volunteers.

Christian Kirm, late Company E, Thirty-second Indiana Volunteers.

Henry Bayard, late Company H, Eleventh New Jersey Volunteers.

Douglas H. Stevens, late Company B, Fifth Iowa Volunteers.

Cornelius Murney, late Company E, Ninth New York Heavy Artillery.

Augustus Myers, late Company F, Sixth Maryland Volunteers.

John H. Lecompte, late Company D, Fortieth Missouri Volunteers.

John Foster, late Company F, Twenty-seventh Michigan Volunteers.

Charles Lynch, late Company F, Fifty-fourth Pennsylvania Volunteers.

Jacob Ashelman, late Company I, Fifteenth Pennsylvania Volunteers.

William Salle, late Eleventh Ohio Battery.

William W. Young, late Company B, Fifty-first Illinois Volunteers.

John Smith, late Company K, One hundred and ninety-first Pennsylvania Volunteers.

David H. Taylor, late Company E, Forty-second Ohio Volunteers.

Samuel M. Colvin, late Company I, Eighty-ninth Ohio Volunteers.

Francis Drew, late Company C, One hundred and first Pennsylvania Volunteers.

Morris W. Kane, late Company C, Second Missouri Light Artillery.

Stephen Willey, late Company I, Sixty-second New York Volunteers.

Washington F. Watkins, late Company A, Fifth Michigan Volunteers.

Thomas J. Gist, late Company K, Second Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery.

And the following, on condition they pay their own transportation back to the Home :

Charles O. Eastman, late Company D, Tenth New York Cavalry.

Peter Jordan, late Company E, Second Connecticut Heavy Artillery.

John Wham, late Company L, Sixth Indiana Cavalry.

Edward Heinzl, late Company B, Thirty-third New York Cavalry.

Cornelius Drost, late Company C, Ninth New Jersey Volunteers.

Anderson Day, late Company H, Thirty-first United States Colored Troops.

Jefferson Bowers, late Company K, Eighty-fifth Illinois Volunteers.

Michael Hurley, late Company C, One hundred and first Illinois Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he do such work or duty as the governor shall direct, for the period of two months, without pay :

August Gevecke, late Company B, Ninth New York State Militia.

And the following, on condition that they do such work or duty as the governor shall direct, for the period of three months, without pay :

John McFadden, late Company D, Twenty-third Pennsylvania Volunteers.

William Henry, late Company H, Eighth Connecticut Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he labor without pay while in the Home :

Francis Schloegel, late Company H, Twelfth New York Cavalry.

And the following, on condition that they assign absolutely, to the National Home, one-half of their entire pension for the period of three months :



John Reilly, late Company B, Thirty-ninth Ohio Volunteers.

Henry Jones, late Company D, Nineteenth Indiana Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he assign absolutely, to the National Home, one-half of his entire pension for the period of six months:

Robert F. Cones, late Company A, Second United States Artillery.

#### READMISSIONS TO EASTERN BRANCH.

The following soldiers, heretofore discharged, were, for sufficient reasons, readmitted unconditionally:

George Walker, late Company F, Fifteenth Massachusetts Volunteers.

Charles M. Dodge, late Company E, Third Maine Volunteers.

Neal McCafferty, late Company H, Twentieth Massachusetts Volunteers.

Charles L. Curtis, late Company G, Sixteenth New York Cavalry.

Michael A. Grady, late Company B, Twenty-eighth Massachusetts Volunteers.

Cornelius Connell, late Company H, Fifth New York Volunteers.

Moses Lomber, late Company K, Fifty-seventh Massachusetts Volunteers.

Michael Foley, late Company K, Fifty-seventh Massachusetts Volunteers.

William Golding, late Company I, Twenty-second Massachusetts Volunteers.

Joseph N. Shailer, late Company B, Fourteenth Connecticut Volunteers.

Jacob Robishe, late Company D, Seventy-sixth Illinois Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he do such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct, for the period of two months, without pay:

Charles A. Grosvenor, late Company D, Fifth New York Cavalry.

And the following, on condition that they do such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct, for the period of three months, without pay:

Jeremiah Sullivan, late Company K, Nineteenth Massachusetts Volunteers.

Henry Knowles, late Company C, One hundred and third Ohio Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he do such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct, for the period of six months, without pay:

William Rehmeir, late Company B, Twentieth Massachusetts Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they assign absolutely, to the National Home, one-third of their entire pension for the period of two months:

Patrick Dwyer, late Company D, Twenty-eighth Massachusetts Volunteers.

John R. Joy, late Company G, First Massachusetts Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he assign absolutely, to the National Home, one-half of his entire pension for the period of three months:

Edward McWilliams, late Company A, Tenth Massachusetts Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they assign absolutely, to the National Home, one-third of their entire pension for the period of four months:

Martin C. Hetherston, late Company E, Seventh Massachusetts Volunteers.



James Donohue, late Company K, Fortieth New Jersey Volunteers.

Patrick Sullivan, late Company D, Eleventh Massachusetts Volunteers.

The following applications for readmission were refused—the testimony showing that they are not sufficiently disabled to entitle them to the benefits of the Home:

William P. Donnell, late Company I, Seventh Massachusetts Volunteers.

Albert A. Woodworth, late Company H, Fourth New Hampshire Volunteers.

Simon H. Whitney, late Company C, Eleventh Massachusetts Volunteers.

Patrick Dolan, late Company H, Eleventh Massachusetts Volunteers.

Thomas Conolly, late Company E, Fourth Rhode Island Volunteers.

#### READMISSIONS TO NORTHWESTERN BRANCH.

The following soldiers, heretofore discharged, were, for sufficient reasons, readmitted unconditionally:

Sidney O. Wanzer, late Company K, Thirty-sixth Illinois Volunteers.

Henry Meyers, late Company C, Twenty-seventh Michigan Volunteers.

August Eberenz, late Eleventh United States Infantry.

William H. Gravell, late Company C, Eighty-second Pennsylvania Volunteers.

John R. Miller, late Company D, First Connecticut Volunteers.

William Schneider, late Company F, Nineteenth Indiana Volunteers.

Ferdinand Mittlestaedt, late Company H, Third Michigan Cavalry.

Adam Weitz, late Company K, Sixteenth Michigan Volunteers.

Dennis Nichol, late Company H, Seventeenth Wisconsin Volunteers.

Joseph Power, late Company H, Twenty-first Ohio Volunteers.

Griffith O. Evans, late Quartermaster's Department, United States Army.

Herman Flock, late Company D, Forty-first Missouri Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he do such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct, for the period of two months, without pay:

Henry P. Robinson, late Company E, Baltimore Volunteers (Mexican war).

And the following, on condition that they do such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct, for the period of three month, without pay:

Thomas Rausch, late Company A, Thirty-fifth Wisconsin Volunteers.

Chauncey Shearer, late Company K, Ninth Michigan Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he do such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct, for the period of six months, without pay:

Gottlieb Herrman, late Company A, Fifth Wisconsin Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they do such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct, for the period of one year, without pay:

William Rausch, late Company F, Ninth Wisconsin Volunteers.

Isaac Johnson, late Company G, Sixtieth New York Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they assign absolutely, to the National Home, one-half of their entire pension for the period of one month:

Frederick Westenberg, late Company A, Second Michigan Volunteers.

Florian Fountain, late Company F, First Michigan Sharpshooters.

And the following, on condition that he assign absolutely, to the National Home, one-half of his entire pension for the period of two months:

Henry Brady, late Company G, Sixth Wisconsin Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they assign absolutely, to the National Home, one-half of their entire pension for the period of three months:

Michael Curley, late Company I, Fourteenth New York Heavy Artillery.

George Boucher, late Company A, Seventy-sixth New York Volunteers.

William Murnan, late Company B, Twenty-third Illinois Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he assign absolutely, to the National Home, one-half of his entire pension for the period of six months:

John Reed, late Company G, Thirty-fourth New York Volunteers.

And the following, on condition he go back to Central Branch, pay his own transportation, and forfeit one-half of his pension for six months:

Christian Wenger, late Third Ohio Independent Battery.

The following, having no disability entitling to the benefits of the Home, is refused readmission:

Anton Froehlinger, late Company D, Twenty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers.

#### READMISSIONS TO SOUTHERN BRANCH.

The following soldiers, heretofore discharged, were, for sufficient reasons, readmitted unconditionally:

George Mordant, late Company I, Fourteenth New Jersey Volunteers.

Louis Maher, late Company C, Sixty-ninth New York Volunteers.

John Phillips, late Company I, Fifth United States Artillery.

And the following, on condition that they do such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct, for the period of three months, without pay:

Frederick Culver, late Company A, Fourth New York Volunteers.

Henry Maudsley, late Company B, Thirteenth New York Artillery.

And the following, on condition that they assign absolutely, to the National Home, one-half of their entire pension for the period of one month:

John A. Sharp, late Company A, Third New Jersey Volunteers.

John L. White, late Company K, Thirtieth New York Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they assign absolutely, to the National Home, one-half of their entire pension for the period of three months:

Henry Taylor, late Company E, One hundred and thirty-ninth New York Volunteers.

Michael Gaffney, late Company A, One hundred and first New York Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he assign absolutely, to the National Home, one-half of his entire pension for the period of three months, and do such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct for the same period:

Henry Paulie, late Company D, Fifteenth New York Volunteers.

The application of the following is held inadmissible, and readmission refused:

Henry Harris, late Company C, Fifty-fifth Massachusetts Volunteers.

On motion, the board then took a recess until to-morrow (Wednesday) morning, at ten o'clock.

LEWIS B. GUNCKEL,  
*Secretary.*

OFFICE OF THE SURGEON-GENERAL,  
Washington, D. C., March 20, 1877.

The Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers met, pursuant to adjournment, this (Wednesday) morning, March 20, 1878, President Butler in the chair, and present same managers as on yesterday.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

On the suggestion of the president, the board proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year. General Negley was appointed teller, and, after the ballots were counted, the result was declared as follows:

*President*—General Butler.

*First Vice-President*—General Martindale.

*Second Vice-President*—Governor Smyth.

*Secretary*—Mr. Gunkel.

Chief Justice Waite reported that the committee to whom was referred the question of pensions growing out of the recent decision in the case of Louis Loeser's Administrators *vs.* National Homes, United States district court at Milwaukee, had carefully examined the record in said case and the opinion of the judge therein, and come to the conclusion that a modification in the form of the assignment of pensions to the Home was necessary, and that in future the assignment should be, not in trust, but absolutely, and subject only to the laws of Congress and the rules, regulations, and orders which had been, or might hereafter be, made by the Board of Managers. The committee therefore report for adoption certain amendments to the rules heretofore adopted by the board; but in so doing do not recommend or contemplate any change, at the present, in the other rules and regulations of the Home or the practice of the governors in the disposition of the pensions.

The committee recommend that paragraph two of the order made September 5, 1867, and found on printed minutes, page 15, be, and is hereby, amended to read as follows:

2d. That in the case of any beneficiary of the Home having a wife, child, or parent dependent upon him for support, the governor of the Home, subject to the direction of the Board of Managers, may order all or a portion of his pension sent to such relative by the treasurer.

And that paragraph three of said order be, and is hereby, amended to read as follows:

Each beneficiary, not having such dependent relative, shall pay for his clothing, except the one suit donated him by Congress, from such pension, so far as the same may be adequate, at the cost thereof, to the Home, and the remainder of such pension shall be held by treasurer subject to such rules, regulations, and orders of the Board of Managers as may from time to time be made.

And that paragraph four of said order be amended to read as follows:

That in case of desertion or dishonorable discharge the unappropriated pension shall become the property of the Home, except in the case of a pensioner having a dependent wife, child, or parent, in which case it may be sent by the governor of the Home, subject to the direction of the Board of Managers, to such dependent relative.

And that the order as to admissions and readmissions, found in printed minutes, page 77, be, and is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

As a condition of admission, or a condition of my continuing to enjoy [as the case may be] the benefits of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, I stipulate and agree that I will abide by and obey all the rules and regulations made by the Board of Managers, or by their order; that I will perform all the duties required of me and obey all the lawful orders of the officers of the Home; and [in case he receives a pen-



sion] the following, to wit: And that I do hereby transfer to the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers my pension-certificate and the moneys secured thereby, and empower the treasurer of the Home to draw the said moneys, and hold and dispose of the same subject to the laws of Congress and the rules, regulations, and orders which have been made, or which may from time to time be made, by the Board of Managers.

After careful consideration, the report of the committee was adopted, and the amendments passed as reported.

On motion of Governor Smyth, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be, and is hereby, instructed to conform the printed blanks for application for admission and readmission to the amended rules and regulations this day adopted, and that hereafter all men admitted or readmitted to the Home shall be required to sign said new form of application.

The board then resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on clothing. Returns from the several branches as to stock on hand, requisitions for clothing required at each branch, and price-lists of clothing, &c., were read, and after consideration, the following resolution, offered by Dr. Woleott, was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the action of the committee is approved and ratified, and the president requested to include the purchase in his estimates for the appropriation for the ensuing quarter.

#### CENTRAL BRANCH.

Mr. Gunckel reported as to action of Governor Brown and himself as to increase of water supply at Central Branch: first, in deepening and increasing capacity of the three lakes 1,800,000 gallons; second, digging a large well fifty feet deep, giving 24,000 gallons of pure spring water daily; and, third, purchasing about ten acres of land of James Applegate and W. F. Howell, immediately east of the present lakes of the Home, surrounded by hills and forming a natural basin for an additional lake or reservoir, which, with a comparatively small expense, can be made to hold at least 20,000,000 gallons more, the same being according to plan suggested by Mr. B. Holly and approved by the board at the last meeting. The land is heavily timbered, and was purchased at \$230 per acre. Mr. Gunckel also presented detailed statement from Colonel Brown, showing amounts expended and estimate of amount required to complete the work. After consideration, on motion of General Martindale, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the action of Manager Gunckel and Governor Brown be approved and confirmed, and \$3,000 appropriated for the continuance of the work in constructing the reservoir or lake on the land so by them purchased for the National Home.

The secretary read a communication from Governor Brown, stating that an unexpended balance of \$900 remained in hands of treasurer of Central Branch from appropriation made September 20, 1877, for hospital porches, and being in excess of the sum actually needed for construction of the same, and asking authority to use the same in construction of porches to dining-hall, which are greatly needed, and were intended in original plan, but for which no appropriation was ever made. On motion, the request was granted, and authority given to Governor Brown to use the money for the purpose designated.

The secretary also read a special report as to progress made in construction of memorial hall at Central Branch, that \$10,000 had been expended from posthumous fund, but that the condition of the store fund did not permit the withdrawal of the other \$10,000 at the present time, and asking the privilege of borrowing so much of the sum as might



be needed from posthumous and contingent funds. After consideration, on motion of General Negley, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That authority be given the governor and treasurer of Central Branch to borrow so much as may be needed, not exceeding \$6,000, from the said funds for the construction of said building, the amount to be repaid when the same can conveniently be done.

The original applications for admission of the following soldiers are refused, the proof of disability incurred in the service being, in the opinion of the board, insufficient:

Edwin W. Harris, late Company G, One hundred and seventeenth Indiana Volunteers, and K, First United States Infantry.

Joseph McGarvey, late Company B, First United States Rifles, Mexican war.

Isaac S. Rawlings, late Company F, Fortieth Missouri Volunteers.

The application of the following for readmission for good and sufficient reasons appearing to the board is refused:

George W. Hope, late Company A, Sixth New York Cavalry.

The petition of Jacob Mans, late Company A, First West Virginia Volunteers, for discharge is granted, and the governor authorized to grant same.

The application of Patrick M. McDonald, of Central Branch, is referred to Colonel Brown for report of facts to the next meeting of the board.

The application for readmission of John W. Geiger, late Company D, Twenty-sixth Pennsylvania Volunteers, dishonorably discharged from Central Branch, is refused.

#### NORTHWESTERN BRANCH.

The president, with the approval of the board, authorized the following to be placed upon the minutes:

The case of George S. Bethard, late Company H, Eighteenth United States Infantry, has been brought before the board by a communication from Governor Brown, accompanied with voluminous papers and documents, consisting largely of communications in writing and print by Bethard himself. The evidence fully satisfies the Board of Managers that Bethard is insane. That element in his case, at the time he was unconditionally readmitted to the Northwestern Branch, was not before the board so fully that competent consideration was given to it. If it had been, the board could only have admitted him as it did, unconditionally, because the very malicious, willful, and immoral acts attributed to him, being the result of insanity, ought not to be punished, as the emanations of an insane mind, when they break out into acts, are never punished by law. Therefore Bethard's case must stand in this way: He is unconditionally readmitted: he could only be honorably discharged, if he desired to leave the Home, if his insanity was not apparent to the governor of the Northwestern Branch who signed that discharge. But as the discharge may be used to give him credit with other people, the board put on record their conviction, in a matter in which they cannot have and do not have any doubt, that Bethard, although very vicious, is quite insane.

The board regrets that its action and the action of the governor of the Northwestern Branch seems to imply non-concurrence, if no more, with the action recommended and taken by Governor Brown, with which the board would have concurred undoubtedly, if the facts had been as well known at the time of its action as they are now known to the board. Except for the conviction of the board that the man is insane, he would

be the subject of the most severe discipline and punishment that could be inflicted by the board, or by the governor of the Central Branch.

The president read a communication from General Hincks as to special appropriations needed at said branch. After statement by Local Manager Wolcott, the following was adopted :

*Resolved*, That \$12,000 be appropriated for new boilers and other improvements needed, and that authority, be and is hereby, given to the deputy governor to use the \$1,000 heretofore appropriated for inclosing dancing pavilion for purpose of enlarging and improving the building for workshops.

The application of Dennis Conley, late Company D, Twelfth Iowa Volunteers, for remission of penalty heretofore imposed, is refused.

The application of Honora McGrath, of Boston, Mass., for effects of her brother, Peter Manning, late Company E, Nineteenth Massachusetts Volunteers, and of Northwestern Branch, is approved, and the treasurer authorized to pay over same to her.

The application for readmission of John J. Brady, late Company I, Eighth New Jersey Volunteers, and of Northwestern Branch, is refused, the disability shown being insufficient under the law to entitle him to benefits of the Home.

The application of Robert Cook, late Company I, Nineteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry, is refused, no sufficient disability being shown to entitle him to benefits of home.

The application of George W. Barber, late chaplain and present postmaster at Northwestern Branch, for quarters, or commutation for quarters, fuel, lights, &c., is so far approved as to grant him an allowance of \$150 per year, payable quarterly, on condition he continue to perform the duties which he has heretofore performed, and such other duties in hospital and elsewhere as the governor shall from time to time impose upon him.

#### SOUTHERN BRANCH.

The visiting committee to Southern Branch reported a list of inmates, recommended for discharge by Board of Examining Surgeons, but retained by the deputy governor, under order of the board made at the December meeting, for inspection of the committee, which, being unable to agree, submitted the matter for the final determination of the board. The board proceeded to examine the evidence in each case, and after consideration, concluded that the following men are at present sufficiently disabled to be entitled to the benefits of the Home, and therefore directed that they be retained :

Patrick Alwell, late Company B, Sixty-ninth New York Volunteers.

Philip Egan, late Company C, New York Mounted Rifles.

Christopher Floris, late Company C, Fifty-second Pennsylvania Volunteers.

William Hart, late Company C, Forty-eighth New York Volunteers.

John Kuntzman, late Company E, Fifteenth New Jersey Volunteers.

John Lyons, late Company E, Sixty-second New York Volunteers.

George Lovegrove, late Company A, First New York Engineers.

Benedict Meserly, late Company A, One hundred and third New York Volunteers.

L. B. Murphy, late Company G, Sixty-fifth New York Volunteers.

M. G. McNamara, late Company I, Ninetieth New York Volunteers.

Charles Oelkers, late Company D, Forty-first New York Volunteers.

David Patterson, late Company D, Seventh New York Volunteers.

Mills Read, late Company H, First United States Colored Cavalry.

William S. Scott, late Company A, Thirty-second Pennsylvania Colored Volunteers.

Charles Schultz, late Company G, One hundred and third New York Volunteers.

Owen Sullivan, late Second New York Cavalry.

Henry Warren, late Company I, Second Maryland Volunteers.

Resin Webster, late Company E, Second District of Columbia Volunteers.

And that the following have sufficiently recovered to be able to support themselves, and therefore be discharged:

Michael Flannagan, late Company K, Eighteenth New York Volunteers.

Frederick Grasso, late Company G, Forty-sixth New York Volunteers.

Antony Molitar, late First Vermont Reserve Corps.

William Miller, late Company F, Fifth New York Heavy Artillery.

John Rafferty, late Company I, Eighth United States Infantry.

The application of George Dempsey, late Company K, Eighth New Jersey Volunteers, and of Southern Branch, for remission of penalty heretofore imposed, is refused, no sufficient reason appearing for favor asked.

The application of Mrs. Elizabeth Reich, of Baltimore, Md., for effects of her late husband, John Reich, who died at Southern Branch, is approved, and treasurer authorized to pay over the same to her.

The applications of the following for transfer from Southern to Northwestern Branch are refused, they having deserted from Southern Branch. They must go back to Southern Branch at their own expense or be summarily discharged from Northwestern Branch:

William H. Hopkins, late Company D, Nineteenth Wisconsin Volunteers.

John D. Parmeter, late Company G, Sixty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers.

#### EASTERN BRANCH.

The application of Maria Cummings, administratrix of Benjamin Cummings, late of Eastern Branch, and dependent mother of said decedent, for effects of said decedent, is approved, and treasurer directed to turn over same to said administratrix.

The application of Joseph Walton, late Company D, First New Jersey Light Artillery, for readmission is refused, there being no disability to entitle him, under the law, to the benefits of the Home.

The application of John McGuire, late Company C, Twenty-sixth Massachusetts Volunteers, for readmission upon special terms by him named, is refused. He can only be readmitted in the manner and upon the terms heretofore prescribed by the board.

#### ESTIMATES AND APPROPRIATIONS.

The president then presented to the board his estimates for the funds required for the purposes of the National Home for the quarter ending June 30, 1878, which, after careful consideration and revision, were fixed as follows:

Central Branch:	
For current expenses and repairs.....	\$100,000 00
For continuation of work on new lakes for increased water supply.....	3,000 00
Eastern Branch:	
For current expenses and repairs.....	31,577 00
For manufactures.....	3,745 00
Northwestern Branch:	
For current expenses and repairs.....	25,600 00
For new boilers, and changes made necessary thereby.....	12,000 00



Southern Branch:	
For current expenses and repairs.....	\$34,000 00
For construction, being new bath-house, \$600; building for smoking-rooms, &c., \$1,700; portable engine, \$700; and additions to governor's residence, \$1,700; making a total of.....	4,800 00
For clothing, underclothing, and bedding for hospitals and quarters (see report of committee and resolution of board).....	110,000 00
For incidental expenses, outdoor relief, &c .....	6,000 00
Total .....	330,722 00

Thereupon the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Board of Managers estimate the sum of \$330,722 as necessary to meet the current expenses of the four branches of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers for the quarter ending June 30, 1878, and for construction, repairs, clothing, bedding, outdoor relief, and incidental expenses of the National Home for the quarter, and that the acting treasurer be, and is hereby, authorized and empowered to take such measures as may be necessary to obtain said sum from the Treasury of the United States, and to receipt for the same in the name and behalf of the National Home.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

General Martindale offered the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted:

Whereas it appears that the expenses of Col. John Cassells, formerly deputy governor of the Northwestern Branch, in attendance at Milwaukee, Wis., at the time of the audit of his accounts, were incurred pursuant to the direction of one of the committee requiring his personal attendance: Therefore,

*Resolved*, That those expenses, amounting to \$195, be allowed and paid by the treasurer.

There being no further business, on motion, the board adjourned to hold its next meeting at the office of General Butler, in city of Boston, on Friday, July 5, 1878, at 5 o'clock p. m., and then to visit and inspect the Eastern Branch.

LEWIS B. GUNCKEL,  
*Secretary.*

#### PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE NATIONAL HOME FOR DISABLED VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS.

BOSTON, MASS., *Friday, July 5, 1878.*

The managers met at the office of General Butler at 5 o'clock p. m.; but there being less than a quorum present, on motion, the board adjourned, to meet at the Eastern Branch, near Augusta, Me., July 6, at 12 o'clock m.

EASTERN BRANCH, NEAR AUGUSTA, ME.,  
*Saturday, July 6, 1878.*

The board met, pursuant to adjournment, at the Eastern Branch, at 12 o'clock m.

There were present General B. F. Butler, president; Chief Justice M. R. Waite; General J. H. Martindale; Hon. H. L. Bond; Dr. E. B. Wolcott; General Richard Coulter.

A dispatch was received from the Secretary of War, who had arranged to meet with the board, that he was unavoidably detained away.

There being less than a quorum in attendance, the members present



proceeded to an informal consideration of the affairs of the National Home, and an inspection of the Eastern Branch especially, and then, on motion, the board adjourned, to meet at the Surgeon-General's Office, in the city of Washington, on the 11th day of July, 1878, at 10 o'clock a. m.

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OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL, U. S. A.,  
Washington, D. C., July 11, 1878.

The board met, pursuant to adjournment, at the office of the Surgeon-General, Washington, D. C., on the 11th day of July, 1878, at 10 o'clock a. m.

General B. F. Butler in the chair.

There were also present the President of the United States; the Chief Justice, M. R. Waite; General J. H. Martindale; Hon. H. L. Bond; Dr. E. B. Wolcott; General R. Coulter.

The president called the attention of the board to the act of Congress at its last session, by which

Col. John A. Martin, of Atchison, Kans., had been appointed a manager of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, in place of General John S. Cavender, whose term of office had expired.

Col. Leonard A. Harris, of Cincinnati, Ohio, had been appointed a manager, in place of Hon. Lewis B. Gunckel, whose term of office had expired.

On motion, it was—

*Resolved*, That the appointment of the Hon. Lewis B. Gunckel, of Ohio, one of the Board of Managers, having terminated under the terms of the act of incorporation, and as Mr. Gunckel has filled the office of secretary, that office has now become vacant, and a quorum being present, the board will now proceed to fill the office by ballot.

Thereupon the ballots of the several members of the board were received and counted, and appeared to have been cast for John H. Martindale, secretary; and John H. Martindale was then declared secretary of the Board of Managers.

The following declaration was made by the board, and, on motion, directed to be recorded with the proceedings:

Whereas by the expiration of his term of office as manager we have lost an efficient secretary, Hon. Lewis B. Gunckel, who has hitherto filled that office by successive elections from the beginning of our organization, and with entire satisfaction to the board and each of its members, we tender him our thanks for his energy, industry, and care in the duties of his office as secretary, and part with him with regret, and trust that his after life may be as pleasant to himself as his connection with the Board of Managers has been useful to them and the beneficiaries of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.

#### REPORTS.

The regular quarterly reports from the several branches, including returns, estimates, &c., were received, examined, and placed on file.

A report was received from Governor Smyth and General Negley, visiting committee to the Central Branch, that they had examined the accounts of the treasurer of that branch for the year ending January 1, 1878, and found the same correct, and supported by proper vouchers. The report was ordered on file.

The board proceeded to consider applications of discharged soldiers for readmission to the several branches of the National Home.

## READMISSIONS TO CENTRAL BRANCH.

The following soldiers, heretofore discharged, were, for sufficient reasons, readmitted unconditionally:

J. W. J. Noble, late Company A, Seventh Pennsylvania Reserves.  
 John Quirk, late Company A, Thirty-ninth Ohio Volunteers.  
 John Sadler, late Company C, Twelfth Michigan Volunteers.  
 John Gasper, late Company F, Twenty-ninth Ohio Volunteers.  
 William Hearn, late Company E, Thirty-third New Jersey Volunteers.  
 Constantine Scholz, late Company I, Fifteenth Kentucky Volunteers.  
 Joseph L. Courtney, late Company G, Eleventh Iowa Volunteers.  
 John Tewey, late Company E, Fifth New York Excelsior Brigade.  
 John H. Adams, late Company B, Seventy-third Ohio Volunteers.  
 Thomas Cunningham, late Company F, Seventy-first Pennsylvania Volunteers.

Joseph Loux, late Company I, One hundred and first Ohio Volunteers.

Charles Bauerhen, late Company G, Seventy-fourth Pennsylvania Volunteers.

Henry Topping, late Company B, Eighteenth New York Volunteers.

George Weidman, late Company E, Third Ohio (Mexican war), and E, One hundred and third Ohio Volunteers.

Abraham M. Bird, late Company A, Forty-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteers.

Conrad Balthaser, late Company H, One hundred and sixth Ohio Volunteers.

Conrad Bnese, late Company K, Twenty-sixth Ohio Volunteers.

Andrew Howley, late Company H, Sixty-ninth New York Volunteers.

Thomas Colburn, late Company M, Second Connecticut Heavy Artillery.

Duncan McKenzie, late Company D, Twenty-sixth Ohio Volunteers.

George W. Warman, late Company E, Forty-seventh Ohio Volunteers.

James Wilson, late Company C, Fortieth Ohio Volunteers.

Thomas H. Scott, late Company H, Fourteenth Michigan Volunteers.

John Maguire, late captain Company D, New York, and sergeant, F, Second New Jersey Volunteers.

Daniel Reck, late Company A, One hundred and fifty-sixth Indiana Volunteers.

John C. Reed, late Company A, Eleventh Ohio Volunteers.

John M. Grimes, late Company H, One hundred and thirty-fourth Indiana Volunteers.

John Kline, late Company B, Eighth New York Cavalry.

Thomas Wren, late Company G, Fourth Ohio Volunteers.

Charles Cole, late Company E, Fourteenth New Jersey Volunteers.

John A. Burke, late Company B, Forty-first Ohio Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he does such work or duty as the governor shall direct, for the period of one month, without pay:

Joseph Warren, late Company B, One hundred and twenty-third New York Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they do such work or duty as the governor shall direct, for the period of two months, without pay:

John Brown, late Company A, Thirteenth Ohio Cavalry.

Michael Rice, late Company I, One hundred and tenth Pennsylvania Volunteers.

John Staunton, late Company H, Eighty-eighth Pennsylvania Volunteers.

Frederick Davis, late Company H, Second Pennsylvania Volunteers.  
Joseph Marbet, late Company L, Second Missouri Battery, and I, One hundred and forty-sixth New York Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they do such work or duty as the governor shall direct, for the period of three months, without pay:

Mathias Auer, late Company G, First Delaware Volunteers.

Benjamin F. Drake, late Company G, One hundred and twenty-third Ohio Volunteers.

Louis Newman, late Company F, Third Missouri Volunteers.

Nathan M. Jackway, late Company E, Tenth New Jersey Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they do such work or duty as the governor shall direct, for the period of six months, without pay:

Joseph S. Donnell, late Company E, Thirteenth Massachusetts Volunteers.

John Craig, late Company C, Forty-second New York Volunteers.

Harman McChesney, late Company I, Forty-seventh, and F, Seventy-seventh, Illinois Volunteers.

Alexander L. Fleming, late Company A, Sixth Pennsylvania Cavalry.

And the following, on condition that they do such work or duty as the governor shall direct, for the period of twelve months, without pay:

Rudolph Heintz, late major Twenty-eighth, and captain Company I, One hundred and eighth Ohio Volunteers.

Michael Hallaghan, late Company K, One hundred and eighth Ohio Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they severally assign absolutely, to the National Home, one-half of their several pensions for the period of two months:

John F. Weidle, late Company G, Twenty-ninth Ohio Volunteers.

James Ferris, late Company K, Sixty-ninth New York National Guard Artillery.

And the following, on condition that he assigns absolutely to the National Home, one-third of his entire pension for the period of three months:

James E. Crawford, late Company I, Sixteenth New York Heavy Artillery.

And the following, on condition that they severally assign absolutely, to the National Home, one-half of their several pensions for the period of three months:

John Smith, late Company C, Fourth Pennsylvania Cavalry.

Strickland Vandegrift, late Company C, Thirtieth; and K, Seventy-third Pennsylvania Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he accepts the former conditions and labors two months additional without pay:

William Boggs, late Company E, Sixty-first Ohio Volunteers.

And the following, on condition he labor three months without pay and forfeit one-half of his entire pension for the period of two months:

William Thayer, late Company H, Sixty-first New York Volunteers, and United States Navy.

And the following, on condition he labor three months without pay, and assigns absolutely, to the National Home, one-half of his entire pension for the same period:

Thomas Duggan, late Company M, Eleventh Illinois Cavalry.

And the following, on condition he pay his own transportation by labor:

Benjamin Corser, late Company C, Twenty-third Illinois Volunteers.



The application of the following is refused, for misconduct, and he will not be readmitted even temporarily at post without a vote of the Board of Managers; and a special notification of this decision is to be sent to each branch:

Thomas Kelly, late Company H, Sixteenth United States Infantry.

#### READMISSIONS TO EASTERN BRANCH.

The following soldiers, heretofore discharged, were, for sufficient reasons, readmitted unconditionally:

Patrick Doyle, late Company D, Sixty-ninth New York Volunteers.

Samuel Kenshon, late Company G, Fifty-ninth Massachusetts Volunteers.

John Shoals, late Company C, Twenty-seventh Massachusetts Volunteers.

Redmond O'Connell, late Company A, First Maine Cavalry.

John McJarrow, late Company A, Fifty-sixth Massachusetts Volunteers.

Patrick Donlan, late Company A, Eleventh Massachusetts Volunteers.

Edgar M. Churchill, late Company C, Twelfth Maine Volunteers.

John Phalen, late Company A, Forty-eighth New York Volunteers.

James Burke, late Company A, Ninth Massachusetts Volunteers.

Edward Minor, late Company F, Fifth Vermont Volunteers.

Edward Gould, late Company D, Fifty-sixth Massachusetts Volunteers.

Alexander Robinson, late Company G, Eleventh New Hampshire Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they do such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct, for the period of three months, without pay:

Josephus Dingman, late Company F, Sixth New Jersey Volunteers.

Daniel Hart, late Company B, Third Massachusetts Cavalry.

Michael Battles, late Company I, Fifteenth Maine Volunteers.

Frederick Ficke, late Company E, One hundred and nineteenth New York Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they do such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct, for the period of six months, without pay:

Thomas Davis, late Company K, Forty-eighth Massachusetts Volunteers.

Michael McCarthy, late Company A, Thirtieth Massachusetts Volunteers.

Thomas Bagon, late Seventh Rhode Island Artillery.

And the following, on condition that they severally assign absolutely, to the National Home, one-half of their several pensions for the period of three months:

William Dorman, late Company D, Third New Jersey Volunteers.

Michael Higgins, late Company A, Sixth New York Heavy Artillery.

And the following, on condition that he assign absolutely, to the National Home, one-half of his entire pension for the period of six months:

William Young, late Company I, Fourteenth Connecticut Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he assign absolutely, to the National Home, his entire pension for the period of six months:

William Dobson, late Company B, Twelfth Massachusetts Volunteers.



And the following, on condition that he assign absolutely, to the National Home, one-half of his entire pension for the period of one year:

Henry Wreith, late Company B, Twentieth Massachusetts Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they do such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct for the period of three months without pay, and if they again desert they are not to be readmitted upon any conditions even temporarily at post:

Albert P. Peakes, late Company F, First Massachusetts Volunteers.

William McDonald, late Company B, Eighth Ohio Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they do such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct, without pay, while they remain in the Home:

Oliver D. Richardson, late Company G, Twenty-second Maine Volunteers.

Timothy O'Sullivan, late Company F, Twenty-seventh Massachusetts Volunteers.

The applications of the following were refused:

George M. Dow, late Company B, Eleventh United States Infantry.

James Docoty, late Company K, Thirty-ninth Massachusetts Volunteers.

Thomas Cowley, late Company E, Fourth Rhode Island Volunteers.

Reuben Baker, late Company H, Fifty-first Pennsylvania Volunteers.

#### READMISSION TO NORTHWESTERN BRANCH.

The following soldiers, heretofore discharged, were, for sufficient reasons, readmitted unconditionally:

Henry Foss, late Company H, Seventh Ohio Volunteers.

Joseph Fayant, late Company E, Twenty-second Veteran Reserve Corps.

John Hammill, late Company D, Eighth New Jersey Volunteers.

Isaac O. Noble, late Company K, Fourth Wisconsin Volunteers.

Edward H. Banon, late Company B, First Massachusetts Heavy Artillery.

Daniel Schneegoss, late Company B, One hundred and nineteenth New York Volunteers.

William Parkinson, late Company F, Twenty-fourth Wisconsin Volunteers.

Albert F. Pratt, late Company D, First Rhode Island Light Artillery.

Adam J. Stichtenoth, late Company B, Forty-first New York Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he does such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct, for the period of one month, without pay:

William Coulson, late Company C, Fourth Delaware Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he does such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct, for the period of two months, without pay:

John Baker, late Company I, One hundred and fifth Illinois Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they do such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct, for the period of six months, without pay:

Patrick Highland, late Company E, Second New Jersey Cavalry.

Francis Ebent, late Company D, Twenty-fourth Illinois Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he does such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct, for the period of one year, without pay:

Martin Walsh, late Company G, Fourteenth Connecticut Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they assign severally, to the National Home, one-half of their several pensions for the period of one month:

Thomas F. Kelley, late Company D, Sixteenth Illinois Volunteers.

Michael Semidt, late Company A, Fourteenth Indiana Volunteers.

Frederick Roggen, late Company D, Twelfth Maine Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they severally assign to the National Home one-half of their several pensions for the period of two months:

William Ganahan, late Company H, Seventh New York Artillery.

Thomas Brown, late Company I, Eighth Illinois Cavalry.

George N. Veader, late Company A, Third Ohio Cavalry.

John D. Parmeter, late Company G, Sixty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he assign absolutely, to the National Home, one-half of his entire pension for the period of three months:

Thomas McGuire, late Company A, One hundred and fifth New York Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he assign absolutely, to the National Home, one-half of his entire pension for the period of six months:

Adam Jung, late Company B, Thirty-ninth New York Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he pay for his clothing and send the balance of his pension to his wife and children:

Horace Batterson, late Company K, Twenty-eighth Illinois Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he labor to pay his transportation:

Henry Miller, late Company C, First Maryland Cavalry.

The applications of the following are refused:

Morris Joy, late Company D, Tenth United States Infantry.

James Stafford, late Company A, Twenty-sixth New York Volunteers.

Charles B. Eldridge, late Company K, First Vermont Cavalry.

And the following, discharged from the Home, is not to be readmitted even temporarily at post, except by a vote of the Board of Managers:

Nicholas Weber, late Company B, One hundred and fortieth New York Volunteers, who has refused to assign part of his pension-money for the support of his young and dependent children.

And the following is to be finally discharged from the Home, not being entitled to its benefits:

Swan Antrop, late Company I, Fourteenth New York State Militia.

#### READMISSIONS TO SOUTHERN BRANCH.

The following soldiers, heretofore discharged, were, for sufficient reasons, readmitted unconditionally:

William Moneypenny, late Company E, Fourth New York Cavalry.

Zachens Smith, late Company G, Eighth New Jersey Volunteers.

William Hogan, late Hogan's New York Battery.

James Marrion, late Company I, Sixty-ninth New York Volunteers.

John Jardine, late Company D, Twenty-eighth Kentucky Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he does such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct, for the period of one month, without pay:

Edward Blake, late Company I, Thirty-fifth New Jersey Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they do such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct, for the period of three months, without pay:

Michael Bradegan, late Company B, Twenty-eighth Massachusetts Volunteers.

James Flood, late Company G, Eleventh Pennsylvania Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he does such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct, for the period of six months, without pay:

Henry Hammill, late Company B, One hundred and fifteenth Pennsylvania Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he assigns absolutely, to the National Home, one-half of his entire pension for the period of four months:

Thomas Hambrook, late Company A, Ninety-first Illinois Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he assigns absolutely, to the National Home, one-half of his entire pension for the period of six months:

George L. Briggs, late Company D, Seventy-fifth New York Volunteers.

The following application is refused:

John Cowan, late Sixth New York Heavy Artillery.

The board then proceeded to consider

#### APPLICATIONS FOR EFFECTS OF DECEASED INMATES.

##### *Central Branch.*

The following applications for effects of deceased inmates are approved, and the treasurer is authorized to pay over same, taking proper vouchers therefor:

Mary Hollingshead (minor daughter), for the effects of her deceased father, Joseph Hollingshead, late Company H, Twenty-third Kentucky Volunteers.

Mrs. Rehuniah Dillon, for the effects of her late husband, William M. Dillon, late Company K, Seventy-fourth Ohio Volunteers.

Mrs. Ellen Sadders, for the effects of her deceased husband, Benjamin Sadders, late Company K, Forty-fourth Regiment, and Company K, Eighth Ohio Cavalry.

Sister Anthony, of the Good Samaritan Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio, for the effects of James H. Hamilton, deceased, late Company G, Eighteenth Regiment Indiana Volunteers.

Mrs. Anna Kœhler, for the effects of her deceased husband, William Kœhler.

Mrs. Mary A. Rooney, for the effects of her deceased husband, William A. Rooney, late Company I, Twenty-second Regiment New York Volunteers.

O. P. Horn, for payment of bill for funeral services from the effects of John Rush, deceased.

The application of Mrs. Caroline Slantenberg and Mrs. Catherine Ward for the effects of Elijah Peake, deceased, late New York Militia, war of 1812, is held inadmissible, as the money belongs to the National Home according to its rules and regulations.



The application of Bernard Juelg (son-in-law) for the effects of Nicholas Schmidt, deceased, late of Company K, Forty-seventh Regiment Ohio Volunteers, is granted for watch and chain, but application for money earned by labor is refused.

The application of J. A. J. Miller, township trustee, for amount of effects of William Storer, deceased, late Company G, Twenty-third Regiment Ohio Volunteers, necessary to pay bill of funeral expenses, is approved, so far as balance of pension money standing to the credit of deceased will pay it.

The application of Dr. John Wise for the effects of James A. Van Fleet, deceased, to pay bill for medical services, is refused.

The application of D. W. Bell, son, and Mrs. J. W. Vanetta, daughter, for the effects of their deceased father, George Bell, is refused, and the effects are ordered to be paid to the administrator.

The application of Mrs. Anna Winter for the effects of her deceased brother, John Dougherty, late Company B, Thirteenth Indiana Volunteers, is refused.

#### *Northwestern Branch.*

The following applications for effects of deceased inmates are approved, and the treasurer authorized to pay over the same, taking proper vouchers therefor:

Miss Clara A. Kearney, for the effects of her deceased father, Dennis Kearney, late Company H, Ninety-second Regiment New York Volunteers.

Mrs. Mary E. Cook, for the effects of her deceased husband, Cornelius Cook, late Company C, Sixty-ninth Regiment New York Volunteers.

The application of M. W. Danforth, M. D., for the payment of a bill of \$23.75 out of the effects of Joseph Beckwith, deceased, late Company I, Fourth Regiment Wisconsin Volunteers, is refused.

The application of Mary Lynch for the effects of her brother, David Dunn, deceased, late Company K, Eleventh Pennsylvania Volunteers, is refused.

#### *Southern Branch.*

The following applications for effects of deceased inmates are approved, and the treasurer authorized to pay over the same, taking proper vouchers therefor:

Mrs. Ruth Watts, for the effects of her deceased husband, James Watts, late Company I, Fifth Regiment New Jersey Volunteers.

Mrs. Augusta Clancy, for the effects of her deceased husband, William Clancy, late Company C, One hundred and sixth Regiment New York Volunteers.

The board proceeded to consider

#### APPLICATIONS FOR REMISSION OF PENALTIES.

The penalty heretofore imposed on Francis Schloegel, late Company H, Twelfth New York Cavalry, of the Central Branch, is hereby modified to the extent that he may labor six months from date without pay.

The application of John Cannon, late Company D, Seventh Maryland Volunteers, is approved, and the penalty heretofore imposed on him is hereby remitted.

The applications of the following for remission of penalties heretofore imposed are refused:

Patrick McDonald, late Company B, Thirty-fourth New York Volunteers, Central Branch.



Charles Morgan, late Company K, Thirteenth New York Volunteers, Eastern Branch.

John B. Eagan, late Company F, Sixth Vermont Volunteers, Eastern Branch.

William Ramos, late Company G, Fifth Iowa Cavalry, Northwestern Branch.

Emil Fraipont, late Company A, Thirty-ninth New York Volunteers, Southern Branch.

William Conniff, late Company D, Fifth Wisconsin Volunteers, Central Branch.

Henry S. P. Fulton, late Company G, Eleventh Pennsylvania Volunteers, Central Branch.

#### GENERAL BUSINESS.

The board proceeded to consider the condition and requirements of the several branches of the Home, and the quarterly reports and estimates relating thereto, whereupon, after careful examination, the following resolutions were submitted by the President, and were severally adopted by the board:

*Resolved*, That to meet the wants of the Central Branch of the Home for the accommodation of disabled volunteer soldiers entitled to its benefits, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$20,000 for the erection of two buildings of substantially the same plan and form of construction as the present brick buildings Nos. 18 and 19, and that the governor is hereby authorized to press the work so that they may be ready for occupancy before the cold weather of winter sets in.

*Resolved*, That a committee of two be appointed to advise with the governor of the Central Branch as to the location of the new brick buildings to be used as barracks, ordered in the foregoing resolution, and that General Martindale and General Coulter are hereby appointed such committee.

*Resolved*, That Maj. J. B. Thomas, treasurer of the Central Branch of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, at Dayton, Ohio, be, and he is hereby, authorized to dispose, at current market rates, of \$3,000 face value of the United States four per cent. bonds now in his possession and registered in the name of the treasurer of the Central Branch of the Home, and apply the proceeds according to the resolutions of the Board of Managers passed at its meeting held at the Eastern Branch, near Augusta, Me., June 20, 1878 (printed minutes, page 407), for the completion of the music hall.

*Resolved*, That an amount of \$4,500 be appropriated toward continuing the work on the structure for the water supply for the Central Branch, this being \$1,000 less than is asked for by the governor of that branch, he relying upon the printed minutes of the board, which make the appropriation in December, 1877, to appear as \$5,000 instead of \$6,000, which last amount it appears by the written records was appropriated, and of which \$1,000 remains to be expended.

*Resolved*, That in order to relieve the main barracks at the Eastern Branch and make room for the beneficiaries during the coming winter, \$2,500 be and the same is hereby appropriated for building a house for the surgeon near the hospital, so that he may vacate the quarters he now occupies as soon as such house is ready for occupation.

*Resolved*, That the bakery at the Eastern Branch is inadequate for present necessity. It was originally designed for 300 men only, and the average number now present being over 700, the estimated cost of a new bakery, to wit, \$905, is hereby appropriated for the erection of such new bakery.

#### ESTIMATES AND APPROPRIATIONS.

The president then presented to the board the estimates for the additional funds required for the purposes of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers for the quarter ending September 30, 1878, which, after careful revision, were agreed upon, as follows:

Central Branch:	
For current expenses .....	\$78, 038 01
house for farmer .....	1, 200 00
additional barracks .....	20, 000 00
water supply—reservoir .....	4, 500 00
rendering-tank .....	350 00

Northwestern Branch:	
For current expenses, construction, and repairs .....	\$20,709 03
Eastern Branch:	
For current expenses .....	24,760 00
house for surgeon .....	2,500 00
new bakery .....	905 00
Southern Branch:	
For current expenses .....	21,007 00
deficiency—household expenses .....	2,202 19
roadway to wharf .....	600 00
For outdoor relief and incidental expenses .....	6,000 00
clothing, bedding, boots, shoes, and stockings .....	18,000 00
Total .....	200,771 26

Thereupon the following resolution was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers estimate and appropriate the sum of \$200,771.26 as necessary to meet the current expenses of the four branches of the Home for the quarter ending September 30, 1878, and for construction, repairs, clothing, bedding, outdoor relief, and incidental expenses of the National Home for the quarter; and that the acting treasurer be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered to take such measures as may be necessary to obtain said sum from the Treasury of the United States, and to receipt for the same in the name and behalf of the National Home.

#### ESTIMATES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 1879.

The Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, having carefully reviewed the quarterly expenditures at the four several branches during the fiscal year last past, do estimate the necessary expenditures for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1879, and authorize the president of the board to transmit the same to the Secretary of War, as follows :

For current expenses, including repairs, at the Central Branch, Dayton, Ohio .....	\$463,000 00
For current expenses, including repairs, at the Eastern Branch, near Augusta, Me .....	109,000 00
For current expenses, including repairs, at the Northwestern Branch, at Milwaukee, Wis .....	114,000 00
For current expenses, including repairs, at the Southern Branch, at Hampton, Va .....	98,000 00
For barracks and other construction purposes .....	50,000 00
For outdoor relief and incidental expenses .....	20,000 00
For clothing .....	50,000 00
Total amount required for the support of the National Home during the fiscal year .....	904,000 00

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

General Coulter was appointed by the president as a member of the committee to examine and audit the accounts of the Northwestern Branch, in place of Mr. Gunckel.

Judge Bond and General Coulter were appointed a committee to inspect the Southern Branch and its management.

Colonel Harris was appointed by the president as a member of the committee to examine and audit the accounts of the Central Branch, in place of General Negley.

The account of Col. E. F. Brown for special personal expenses, incurred in services directed by the board, was referred to General Martindale and General Coulter to be audited.

The application of the following for readmission to the Central Branch is refused, he not being entitled to the benefits of the Home, under the law:

John Gallagher, late United States Navy.

Action upon the following applications for readmission is postponed, for the consideration of the board at its next meeting at the Central Branch:

James S. Johnson, late Company B, Twenty-ninth Iowa Volunteers.

William H. Singleton, late Company A, Fifteenth New York Engineers.

The application of the following for admission to the Central Branch was considered, but no action was taken thereon:

John Kuhn, late Company A, Second Ohio Volunteers, Mexican war.

There being no further business, on motion, the board adjourned, to hold its next meeting at the Central Branch, near Dayton, Ohio, on Wednesday, September 18, 1878, at 10 o'clock a. m.

JOHN H. MARTINDALE.

*Secretary.*

#### PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE NATIONAL HOME FOR DISABLED VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS.

DAYTON, OHIO.

*Wednesday, September 18, 1878.*

The managers met at the Central Branch. There were present the President of the United States; the Chief Justice, M. R. Waite; General John H. Martindale; Dr. E. B. Wolcott; General Richard Coulter, and Col. Leonard A. Harris.

The board was received by the officers and men of the Home, and, escorted by the Brown Guard, proceeded to an inspection and review.

An address of welcome was then presented by Col. E. F. Brown, governor of the Home, in the memorial hall, which had just been completed. Responses were made by the President of the United States, and several members of the board.

There being less than a quorum in attendance, the members present proceeded to an informal consideration of the affairs of the Home, and then, on motion, adjourned, to meet at the Boody House, in Toledo, on the 19th day of September, at 8 o'clock p. m.

AT THE BOODY HOUSE.

*Toledo, Ohio, September 19, 1878.*

The board met pursuant to adjournment, at the Boody House, in Toledo, at 8 o'clock p. m.

General B. F. Butler appeared and the other members who had been present at Dayton. A quorum being in attendance, the board proceeded to business.

#### REPORTS.

The regular quarterly reports from the several branches, including returns, estimates, &c., were received, examined, and placed on file.

The board proceeded to consider applications of discharged soldiers for readmissions to the several branches of the National Home.

#### READMISSIONS TO CENTRAL BRANCH.

The following soldiers, heretofore discharged, were, for sufficient reasons, readmitted unconditionally:

Daniel F. Banks, late Company C, Third New Jersey Volunteers, and F, Seventh Veteran Reserve Corps.

Theodore B. Binet, late Company A, Ninety-third Ohio Volunteers.

John Bohn, late Company F, Second New Jersey Volunteers.

James Buchanan, late Company G, Tenth New York Cavalry.

John Burns, late Seventh Wisconsin Independent Battery.

Leon Bussinger, late Company H, Ninety-eighth Pennsylvania Volunteers.

John Carey, late Company D, Fifty-eighth Illinois Volunteers.

David Clark, late Company M, Eighth New York Cavalry.

Peter Conlin, late Company A, One hundred and third Ohio Volunteers.

Arthur Flood, late Company C, Seventy-first Pennsylvania Volunteers.

John Gleason, late United States Navy, and Company A, Sixty-eighth Pennsylvania Volunteers.

Patrick Higgins, late Company D, Second Kentucky Volunteers.

James S. Johnson, late Company B, Twenty-ninth Iowa Volunteers.

Gilbert Leonard, late Company D, Twenty-seventh New York Volunteers.

Charles H. Metzger, late Company A, Eighty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers.

John H. Morganstern, late Company B, One hundred and third New York Volunteers.

John E. McGannon, late Company B, Fourth New Jersey Volunteers.

James E. Newling, late Company D, Eighty-third New York Volunteers.

Franklin V. Picant, late Company H, 23d Ohio Volunteers.

Andreas Planz, late Company C, One hundred and eighth Ohio Volunteers.

Levy Powell, late Company B, Eighth, and D, Eleventh, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and A, Twenty-second Veteran Reserve Corps.

George Reese, late Company F, Fifth, and C, Sixth, Indiana Cavalry.

Francis Reichart, late Company I, Fifth Missouri Volunteers.

Henry Roscoe, late Company C, Fourth New York Volunteers.

Nicholas Schaadt, late Company E, Seventy-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteers.

Valentine Schaff, late Company D, Ninety-third Ohio Volunteers.

Adolphus Schubert, late Company K, First Kentucky Volunteers.

William H. Singleton, late Company A, Fifteenth New York Engineers.

George Smith, late Company F, Fifth Connecticut Volunteers.

Simon D. Trimble, late Company F, Twelfth Ohio Volunteers.

John Zimmerman, late Company G, Second New Jersey Cavalry.

Philip Zimm, late Company H, Forty-seventh Ohio Volunteers.

And the following will be readmitted unconditionally when he reports at the Home in person:

John Williams, late Company E, One hundred and eighteenth New York Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he repay cost of transportation furnished him by labor, or from his pension:

John Hogan, late Company F, Twenty-second New York Volunteers.



And the following, on condition that he pay his own transportation to the Home:

William Hall, late Company A, Thirty-seventh, and A, One hundred and forty-second, New York Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he work sufficient to pay his indebtedness to the Home:

John Holland, late Company B, Eighteenth New York Cavalry.

And the following, subject to semi-annual examination:

William Henzie, late Company D, Ninety-eighth Ohio Volunteers.

And the following, subject to semi-annual examination, and on condition that he does such work or duty as the governor shall direct while he remains in the Home:

Louis Klein, late Company H, Third Pennsylvania Artillery.

And the following, because of mental weakness, is readmitted unconditionally:

John Fitzgerald, late Company H, Fifty-third Illinois Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they severally assign absolutely, to the National Home, one-half of their several pensions for the period of two months:

William T. McDowell, late Company E, One hundred and twenty-fourth Ohio Volunteers.

Watt E. Powell, late Company L, Fourth Ohio Cavalry.

And the following, on condition that they severally assign absolutely, to the National Home, one-half of their several pensions for the period of three months:

Frederick Miller, late Company B, Eighty-sixth Indiana Volunteers.

Englebert Zaringer, late Company B, Ninth Pennsylvania Reserves.

And the following, on condition that he accepts former penalty, viz: Assign absolutely to the National Home \$15 per month of his pension for the period of three months:

Martin Weiderecht, late Company D, Sixth Ohio Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they severally assign absolutely, to the National Home, one-half of their several pensions for the period of six months:

Hugh McCormick, late Company C, Fourth New York Heavy Artillery.

Florence Donovan, late Company I, Ninetieth Illinois Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he assigns absolutely, to the National Home, one-third of his entire pension (of \$31.25 per month) while he remains in the Home:

William Jones, late Company E, One hundred and ninety-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he assigns absolutely, to the National Home, one-half of his entire pension for the period of one year, and do such work or duty as the governor shall direct for the same period. To be summarily discharged in case of misconduct:

Daniel Coleman, late Company A, Eighty-second Ohio Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he authorize the treasurer to send regularly at least three-fourths of his entire pension to his dependent family while he remains in the Home, and do such work or duty as the governor shall direct, for the period of two months, without pay:

Alva J. Williams, late Company B, Twenty-second New York Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they do such work or duty as the governor shall direct, for the period of one month, without pay:

Thomas Ferguson, late Company B, Second Delaware Volunteers.

Josiah W. Collins, late Company I, One hundred and tenth Ohio Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he does such work or duty as the governor shall direct, for the period of three months, without pay:

Jacob Wolf, late Company B, thirty-second Indiana Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he does such work or duty as the governor shall direct, for the period of six months, without pay. To be summarily discharged in case of misconduct:

Benjamin Ogle, late Company E, First Delaware Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he labor at Central Branch sufficient to pay transportation to the Southern Branch, where he will be transferred, and there to work six months, without pay:

John O'Brien, late Company C, Third Maryland Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he does such work or duty as he is able to perform while in the Home:

Stephen Leake, late Company B, Fortieth, and A, Forty-eighth, Ohio Volunteers.

The application of the following for readmission is refused, it appearing from surgeon's certificate that he is not sufficiently disabled to entitle him to the benefits of the Home:

Peter Guttman, late Company D, Twenty-sixth Wisconsin Volunteers.

And the following, because of previous misconduct, are also refused readmission:

William Williams, late Company D, Sixty-sixth New York Volunteers.

Charles Stokes, late Company B, One hundred and sixteenth Pennsylvania Volunteers.

The application of the following, for original admission, is approved, subject to semi-annual examination:

William R. Hallowell, late Company I, One hundred and fifty-fourth Indiana Volunteers.

The application of John Kuhn, late Company A, Second Ohio Volunteers, Mexican war, for original admission, is referred back for formal application and oath of applicant, to be submitted to the board next meeting.

The application of the following for original admission is referred for the further consideration of the board next meeting. In the mean time, he will be permitted to remain temporarily at post:

Nicholas Florin, late Company F, Third United States Infantry.

The application of the following for original admission is refused—disability not being the result of service:

George Crooks, late Company E, Forty-ninth Battalion New York Veteran Volunteers.

In the matter of application of Charles H. Fisher, late Company B, Forty-sixth Pennsylvania Volunteers, for discharge, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That Charles H. Fisher be discharged from the Home at the Central Branch. But inasmuch as he has refused to assign his pension to the National Home, he shall not be again received, even temporarily, at post, without a resolution of the Board of Managers, after an application made for readmission.

#### APPLICATIONS FOR REMISSION OF PENALTIES.

The applications of the following for remission of penalties, heretofore imposed, are refused:

John J. Ieklin, late Company C, Eighteenth New York Volunteers.

Harman McChesney, late Company I, Forty-seventh, and Company F, Seventy-seventh, Illinois Volunteers.

John Smith, late Company C, Fourth Pennsylvania Cavalry.

The application of Louis Link, late Company I, Twenty-eighth Ohio Volunteers, for remission of fines imposed upon him for misconduct while an inmate of the Central Branch, is refused.

#### MISCELLANEOUS PETITIONS.

The petition of—

Jesse B. Barry, late Company C, First New York Engineers;

Charles V. Patrick, late Company C, One hundred and thirty-seventh Illinois Volunteers;

J. L. Townsley, late Company D, One hundred and fiftieth Illinois Volunteers;

William Wilson, late Company C, Sixteenth Illinois Volunteers;

Earnest Zwicker, late Company B, Seventh Ohio Volunteers, inmates of the Central Branch, for the employment of a teacher to give them lessons in stenography, is refused.

The petition of the following, for a transfer and free transportation to the Southern Branch, is refused:

James A. Frayne, late Company F, Fourth Missouri Cavalry.

The application of William Anderson, late United States Navy, for free transportation to Washington, D. C., and return, is approved, to be repaid if he ever gets a pension.

#### READMISSIONS TO NORTHWESTERN BRANCH.

The following soldiers, heretofore discharged, were, for sufficient reasons, readmitted unconditionally:

George N. Barber, late Company E, Third New York Volunteers.

John W. Dunn, late Company K, Third Wisconsin Volunteers.

Hugh Murry, late Company D, Second Wisconsin Volunteers.

Thomas O'Toole, late Company K, Nineteenth Wisconsin Volunteers.

John C. Poiron, late Company A, Sixth Wisconsin Volunteers.

Patrick Ryan, late Company F, Fourteenth New York Volunteers.

Rudolph Rosenthal, late Company C, Ninth Wisconsin Volunteers.

William Lampier, late Company K, Thirty-fifth New York Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he does such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct, for the period of two month, without pay:

Charles P. Hager, late Company D, Twenty-fourth Wisconsin Volunteers, and D, First Massachusetts Volunteers, Mexican war.

And the following, on condition that he does such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct, for the period of three months, without pay:

Daniel Murphy, late Company K, Sixteenth Massachusetts Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they severally assign absolutely, to the National Home, one-half of their several pensions for the period of two months:

Michael Collins, late Company G, First Michigan Volunteers.

Martin Dougherty, late Company H, One hundred and fifth New York Volunteers.

David L. Shoals, late Company E, First New York Cavalry.

And the following, on condition that he assigns absolutely, to the National Home, one-half of his entire pension for the period of three months:

Michael Hager, late Company A, One hundred and twenty-fourth New York Volunteers.



And the following, on conditions that he pay his own transportation and assigns absolutely, to the National Home, one-half of his entire pension for the period of four months :

John F. Hassett, late Company H, One hundred and sixth Pennsylvania Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he assign absolutely, to the National Home, one-half of his entire pension for the period of eight months :

David McLaughlin, late Company F, One hundred and fifty-fifth New York Volunteers.

And the following, on conditions that he assign absolutely, to the National Home, one-half of his entire pension for the period of two years, and that no money be paid to him while an inmate of the Home :

William Larkin, late Company G, Ninety-first New York Volunteers.

And the following will be retained temporarily at post until next meeting of the board, the application to be presented then for reconsideration :

Morris Joy, late Company D, Tenth United States Infantry.

#### REMISSION OF PENALTIES.

The application of the following, for remission of penalty heretofore imposed, is refused :

Patrick Murphy, late Company H, One hundred and forty-seventh New York Volunteers.

The petition of Louis Snyder, late Company I, Seventy-first Pennsylvania Volunteers, for remission of penalty, imposed as conditions upon his readmission to Southern Branch July 11, 1874, viz : One-half pension for twelve months, printed minutes, page 249, is approved for remittal of one-half of said penalty, in consideration of subsequent good conduct.

The petition of William Conniff, late Company D, Third Wisconsin Volunteers, of the Southern Branch, for remission of fines imposed upon him as a penalty for misconduct while an inmate of the Northwestern Branch, is refused.

#### READMISSION TO EASTERN BRANCH.

The following soldiers, heretofore discharged, were, for sufficient reasons, readmitted unconditionally :

Michael Dunn, late Company K, Eighth New Jersey Volunteers.

Joseph Kratz, late Company F, One hundredth New York Volunteers.

James H. Sweeney, late Company A, Fifth Massachusetts Volunteers.

John Tierney, late Company K, Twenty-ninth Massachusetts Volunteers.

Horatio Whitten, late Company I, First Maine Heavy Artillery.

And the following, on condition that he does such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct, for the period of two months, without pay :

James Coen, late Company F, Fourth Rhode Island Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they do such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct, for the period of three months, without pay :

Adam Bullmer, late Company F, Twentieth Massachusetts Volunteers.

Alfred J. Pierce, late Company M, Third Rhode Island Heavy Artillery.

John Ralph, late Company F, Second Rhode Island Volunteers.



And the following, on condition that he does such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct, for the period of six months, without pay:

William Baird, late Battery C, — Pennsylvania Independent Light Artillery.

And the following, on condition that he assigns absolutely, to the National Home, two dollars per month of his pension for the period of two months:

Lucius Rankin, late Company I, Eighth Maine Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they assign severally, to the National Home, one-half of their several pensions for the period of six months:

Michael Conley, late Company I, Nineteenth Massachusetts Volunteers.

Terence Monahan, late Battery A, First Maine Light Artillery.

And the following, on condition that seven dollars per month of his pension be paid direct to his family:

John Padbury, late Company F, Seventy-ninth New York Volunteers.

The application of William J. Pentland, late Company G, Second Massachusetts Volunteers, for readmission, is refused.

The application of David Curtin, late Company G, Forty-seventh New York Volunteers (of Newark, N. J.), for readmission to Eastern Branch, is referred to General Tilton for report and recommendation, to be submitted to the board next meeting.

#### READMISSIONS TO SOUTHERN BRANCH.

The following soldiers, heretofore discharged, were, for sufficient reasons, readmitted unconditionally:

Bemo F. Koeckritz, late Company K, Fifteenth New York Heavy Artillery.

John F. Knoble, late Company H, Eighty-first New York Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he does such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct, for the period of three months, without pay, and subject to semi-annual examination:

James McGreavy, late Company H, Fifth New York Heavy Artillery.

And the following, on condition that he does such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct, for the period of six months, without pay:

Richard Cattles, late Company D, Eleventh Massachusetts Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he assigns absolutely, to the National Home, one-half of his entire pension for the period of four months:

Thomas Furey, late Company A, Eighty-second Pennsylvania Volunteers.

The application of Michael F. Kelley, late Company A, Ninety-eighth Pennsylvania Volunteers, for readmission to Southern Branch, is refused, as the applicant appears to be able to take care of himself.

#### REMISSION OF PENALTY.

The application of George L. Briggs, late Company D, Seventy-third New York Volunteers, for remission of penalty, heretofore imposed as condition upon his readmission to Southern Branch, is refused.

## APPLICATIONS FOR EFFECTS OF DECEASED INMATES.

In the matter of the following applications for effects of deceased inmates, it was

*Resolved*, That the consideration of the applications for effects of deceased inmates be postponed to the next meeting of the board.

A. J. Hodder, attorney, Cincinnati, Ohio, for effects of John Allen, late Company H, Tenth New Hampshire Volunteers, deceased, late of Central Branch.

Mrs. Caroline P. Faucett, widow, Logansport, Ind., for effects of her deceased husband, George W. Fancett, late war of 1812, late of Central Branch.

Morris Kozminski, Dayton, Ohio, for effects of James Jones, late Company G, Twenty-sixth Missouri Volunteers, deceased, late of the Central Branch.

Mrs. Mary Phipps, through James W. Waugh, attorney, Tipton, Ind., for effects of her brother, Samuel J. Kindly, late Company D, One hundred and twenty-fourth Indiana Volunteers, deceased, late of Central Branch.

Col. Charles H. Fox, Jacksonville, Ills., in behalf of James Whitehead and Edward Scott, for effects of Cyrus A. Moore, late Company K, One hundred and first Illinois Volunteers, deceased, late of Central Branch.

Mrs. Sarah A. Maddox, daughter, Dayton, Ohio, for effects of William Maddox, late war of 1812, deceased, late of Central Branch.

Arthur Connors, father, Troy, N. Y., for effects of his son, Peter Connors, alias Peter Quinn, late Company E, First Louisiana Volunteers, deceased, late of Central Branch.

Mrs. Solastika Ritter, Dayton, Ohio, custodian of minor child of Henry Scherer, late Company A, Fifty-fourth Ohio Volunteers, deceased, late of Central Branch.

Mrs. Lonisa Seidel, widow, for effects of her deceased husband, Charles Seidel, late Company E, One hundred and sixth Ohio Volunteers, late of Central Branch.

Charles Mann, Dayton, Ohio, for effects of William Voight, late Company D, Seventeenth Missouri Volunteers, deceased, late of Central Branch.

Mrs. Nancie Wainescott, widow, Berea, Madison County, Kentucky, for effects of her deceased husband, Joseph R. Wainescott, late Company D, Twenty-first Kentucky Volunteers, late of Central Branch.

Mrs. Margaret Hoffer, widow, Detroit, Mich., for effects of her deceased husband, Frederick Hoffer, late Company C, Fourteenth Michigan Volunteers, late of Northwestern Branch.

## APPLICATIONS FOR REMISSION OF PENALTIES.

The consideration of the following applications for remission of penalties, heretofore imposed, was postponed to next meeting of the board:

John Fries, late Company I, Thirteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry, Central Branch.

Peter Foster, late Company D, Twenty-first, and Company C, One hundred and sixteenth New York Volunteers, Central Branch.

John Reiley, late Company G, Thirty-ninth Ohio Volunteers, Central Branch.

Patrik White, late Company K, Second New York Cavalry, Southern Branch.

## GENERAL BUSINESS.

On motion of Colonel Harris, it was

*Resolved*, That the acting treasurer of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, by and with the advice and consent of the standing committee on finance, duly made in writing, be, and he is, authorized to sell in parcels, which shall not in the aggregate exceed \$31,000, the 4 per cent. United States bonds, registered in the name of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, as he may deem necessary for the purpose of adjusting the pension-fund account: such adjustment being required by the fact that the acting treasurer subscribed for 4 per cent. bonds to the amount of \$15,000, which subscription was through misapprehension duplicated in part by the treasurer of the Central Branch.

The board then proceeded to consider

## ESTIMATES AND APPROPRIATIONS.

The president of the board then presented the estimates for the additional funds required for the purposes of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, for the quarter ending December 31, 1878, which, after careful revision, were agreed upon as follows:

## Central Branch:

Addition to kitchen and bakery.....	\$1,000 00
Steam radiators.....	600 00
Deep-well pump.....	650 00
Ice-houses.....	3,719 00
Low-water gauges.....	300 00
Current expenses.....	100,000 00
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	106,269 00

## Northwestern Branch:

Current expenses, construction and repairs.....	27,400 00
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And whereas the estimates for the Northwestern Branch included \$500 for continuance of insurance on building, on motion of the Chief Justice, it was

*Resolved*, That it is not expedient to continue insurance on the buildings at the Northwestern Branch.

## Eastern Branch:

Current expenses and repairs.....	26,674 25
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## Southern Branch:

Current expenses and repairs.....	23,213 36
For outdoor relief and incidental expenses.....	6,000 00
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Total.....	189,556 64
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Thereupon the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers estimate and appropriate the sum of one hundred and eighty-nine thousand five hundred and fifty-six dollars and sixty-four cents (\$189,556.64) as necessary to meet the current expenses of the four branches of the Home for the quarter ending December 31, 1878, and for construction, repairs, outdoor relief, and incidental expenses of the National Home for the quarter, and that the acting treasurer be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered to take such measures as may be necessary to obtain said sum from the Treasury of the United States, and to receipt for the same in the name and behalf of the National Home.

## MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

On motion, the consideration of miscellaneous business was postponed to the next meeting of the board.

There being no further business, the board adjourned to meet at the Surgeon-General's Office in Washington, on Wednesday, the 4th day of December, 1878, at 10 o'clock a. m.

JOHN H. MARTINDALE.

Secretary.



PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE NATIONAL HOME  
FOR DISABLED VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS.

OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL U. S. A.,  
*Washington, D. C., December 4, 1878.*

The board met at the office of the Surgeon-General, Washington, D. C., on the 4th day of December, 1878, at 10 o'clock a. m.

There were present General J. H. Martindale, Gov. Frederick Smyth, Dr. E. B. Wolcott, and Col. Leonard A. Harris.

There being less than a quorum in attendance, the members present proceeded to an informal consideration of the affairs of the Home, and then, on motion, adjourned to meet at the same place, on Thursday, December 5, 1878, at 10 o'clock a. m.

The board met pursuant to adjournment on Thursday, December 5, 1878. There were present General Coulter and the other members who had attended on the day previous. There being less than a quorum in attendance, the members present again proceeded to an informal consideration of the affairs of the Home, and then adjourned to meet at the same place on the following day, Friday, December 6, 1878, at 10 o'clock a. m.

The board met pursuant to adjournment on Friday, December 6, 1878.

There were present, in addition to the members who were in attendance on the previous day, Chief Justice M. R. Waite and Hon. Geo. W. McCrary, Secretary of War.

A quorum being in attendance, the board proceeded to business.

The first vice-president, J. H. Martindale, in the absence of the president, took the chair.

#### REPORTS.

The regular quarterly reports from the several branches, including returns, estimates, &c., were received, examined, and placed on file.

The board proceeded to consider applications of discharged soldiers for readmission to the several branches of the National Home.

#### READMISSIONS TO CENTRAL BRANCH.

The following soldiers, heretofore discharged, were, for sufficient reasons, readmitted unconditionally :

George P. Scott, late Company G, Eighty-ninth Ohio Volunteers.

Alvin Brooks, late Company E, Seventy-second New York Volunteers.

John T. Young, late Company K, Seventy-third Ohio Volunteers.

Eli Pickel, late Company C, Twenty-first Pennsylvania Cavalry.

Jacob Sutter, late Company K, Fifteenth Missouri Volunteers.

Charles Slotterbeck, late Company E, Twenty-fifth Ohio Volunteers.

Sammel Wagner, late Company K, Ninety-third Ohio Volunteers.

Joseph L. Hair, late Company A, Seventy-second Indiana Volunteers.

William Amburg, late Company B, Forty-second Illinois Volunteers.

Christopher Gobrecht, late Company H, Thirteenth New Jersey Volunteers.

Alfred L. Forbes, late Company F, Thirty-fourth, and E, One hundred and tenth, Ohio Volunteers.

Stephen Shea, late Company K, Twenty-fifth New York Volunteers.

Charles Miller, late of Company D, Forty-sixth Ohio Volunteers.

Sammel H. Hagaman, late Company F, Seventh Pennsylvania Reserves.

James Kirby, late Company B, Sixth West Virginia Cavalry.



William Wesley, late Company F, One hundred and second United States Colored Troops.

William H. Littlepage, late Company I, Third Maryland Volunteers.

Henry Rigler, late Eighth Indiana Battery.

John McKeehan, late Company H, Fourth Tennessee, Mexican war, and H, Fortieth Ohio Volunteers.

William Douglass, late Company D, Ninety-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteers.

Joseph V. Sylveria, late Company E, Fourth Massachusetts Cavalry.

Edward R. Merriam, late Company K, Fourth Vermont Volunteers.

John Scheible, late Company G, Twelfth Missouri Volunteers.

John Tieny, late Company B, One hundred and twenty-first New York Volunteers.

Jacob Ward, late Company I, Twenty-sixth Illinois Volunteers.

John Oelter, late Company B, Fourteenth Illinois Volunteers.

Constantine Swainey, late Company B, Thirty-fifth Ohio Volunteers.

John A. Riley, late Company F, Twentieth Massachusetts Volunteers.

William McCloskey, late Company I, Twenty-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he labor to pay for his transportation, and also do such work or duty as the governor shall direct, for the period of one month, without pay:

James Allen, late Company F, Seventy-second Illinois, and K, Thirtieth Illinois Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they do such work or duty as the governor shall direct, for the period of two months, without pay:

Daniel McCarthy, late Company H, One hundred and seventieth New York Volunteers.

George Manning, late Company F, Twenty-seventh Massachusetts Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he do such work or duty as the governor shall direct, for the period of three months, without pay:

Adam F. Stichtenoth, late Company B, Forty-first New York Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he do such work or duty as the governor shall direct, for the period of six months, without pay:

James Sheehan, late Company G, Fifteenth Indiana Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he do such work or duty as the governor shall direct, while he remains in the Home, and subject to semi-annual examination. The Home will supply him with a truss:

Henry Bolsmeyer, late Company K, Twenty-fifth Ohio Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they assign absolutely, to the National Home, one-half of their several pensions for the period of one month:

William Fisher, late Company E, Fifth Ohio Volunteers.

August Huettel, late Company K, Sixty-first Pennsylvania Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he assigns absolutely, to the National Home, one-half of his entire pension for the period of two months:

Thomas Pritchard, late Company E, One hundred and fortieth New York Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they assign absolutely, to the National Home, one-half of their several pensions for the period of three months:

Michael Hang, late Company K, Eighth Ohio Volunteers.

Samuel Bateman, late Company I, Thirtieth United States Colored Troops.

Michael Demin, late Company K, One hundred and second New York Volunteers.

John Cochran, late Company B, Fifth New Hampshire Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he assigns absolutely, to the National Home, one-half of his entire pension for the period of six months:

Neal Hunter, late Company C, Second New York Heavy Artillery.

And the following, on conditions that two-thirds of his pension be paid direct to his family, and that he do such work or duty as the governor shall direct, for the period of three months, without pay:

James Cleary, late Company K, Seventy-second New York Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that all of his pension be paid direct to his family:

Henry Curtis, late Nineteenth Ohio Battery, Light Artillery.

The applications of the following for original admission is granted, and his application is to be reported to the Adjutant-General of the United States Army, for transportation to Washington, if entitled to admission to the Home there:

Nicholas Forin, late Company F, Third United States Infantry.

And the following is admitted temporarily at post, his application to be forwarded to the Adjutant-General of the United States Army for transportation to the Soldiers' Home at Washington if he be entitled to admission there:

John Gardpiee, late Company II, Fourth United States Infantry, and Second Dragoons Mexican war.

The application of the following is referred to Col. L. A. Harris, to make an order for his admission:

John G. Baxter, late United States Navy, and Company B, One hundred and eighty-first Ohio Volunteers.

#### APPLICATIONS FOR REMISSION OF PENALTIES.

The application of the following for remission of penalty heretofore imposed is granted:

Frank Dell, late Company F, Seventieth New York Volunteers.

The applications of the following for remission of penalties heretofore imposed are refused:

Robert F. Cones, late Company D, One hundred and forty-fifth New York Volunteers, and Second United States Artillery.

John Reiley, late Company G, Thirty-ninth Ohio Volunteers.

Peter Forster, late Company D, Twenty-first, and C, One hundred and sixteenth, New York Volunteers.

John Fries, late Company I, Thirteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry.

#### MISCELLANEOUS PETITIONS.

The petition of the following for increased compensation for extra services as foreman of soap-shop is refused:

John M. Beck, foreman of laundry and linen-room.

The petition of the following for free transportation to Kansas is refused:

Valentine Brehl, late Company H, Sixth Wisconsin Volunteers.

## READMISSIONS TO NORTHWESTERN BRANCH.

The following soldiers, heretofore discharged, were, for sufficient reasons, readmitted unconditionally:

Mitchell Woods, late Company F, Eighty-first Illinois Volunteers.

Frederick Priebe, late Company G, Ninth Wisconsin Volunteers.

John L. Pierson, late Captain Webb's New Jersey Militia (war of 1812).

Christian Marquart, late Company K, Second United States Dragoons (Mexican war).

Eli Jenkins, late Company K, One hundred and twenty-fifth Illinois Volunteers.

James Hanifin, late Company G, Thirty-fifth Indiana Volunteers.

Gustavus Diehlman, late Company E, Sixty-eighth New York Volunteers.

And the following is readmitted unconditionally, but to be re-examined by surgeon on the 1st of May next, 1879:

Henry Weld, late Company F, Fifth Wisconsin Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they do such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct, for the period of two months, without pay:

Ernest Brickey, late Company F, Fifteenth Missouri Volunteers.

George E. Holmes, late Company M, Second Wisconsin Cavalry.

Michael Malone, late Company K, Third Missouri Cavalry.

And the following, on condition that he does such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct, for the period of four months, without pay:

Henry J. Mifflin, late Company K, Seventh Regiment Pennsylvania Reserves.

And the following, on condition that he does such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct, for the period of six months, without pay:

Owen McGraham, late Company H, One hundred and seventeenth New York Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he assigns absolutely, to the National Home, one-half of his entire pension for the period of one month:

John H. Murray, late Company D, Second Vermont Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they assign absolutely, to the National Home, one-half of their several pensions for the period of two months:

George Robinson, late Company C, Twenty-first New York Cavalry.

John Menke, late Company C, Seventh New York Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he assigns absolutely, to the National Home, one-half of his entire pension for the period of two months, and the balance of said pension to be paid direct to his family for the period of one year:

Thomas Brazell, late Company H, Thirty-seventh Massachusetts Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they assign, absolutely, to the National Home, one-half of their several pensions for the period of three months:

John Carey, late Company D, Fifty-third Illinois Volunteers.

Charles Held, late Company F, First New York Cavalry.

William O'Brien, late Company A, Third Wisconsin Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he assign absolutely, to the National Home, one-half of his entire pension for the period of three months, and pays his own transportation to the Home:

Albert A. Hotchkins, late Company E, Thirteenth New York Volunteers.



And the following, on condition that he assign absolutely, to the National Home, his entire pension for the period of three months:

John Bradley, late Company A, Third Wisconsin Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he assign absolutely, to the National Home, one-half of his pension for the period of six months, and does such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct, for the same period, without pay:

Joseph Steinbach, late Company C, Eighty-second Illinois Volunteers.

And the application of the following is referred back for examination and explanation of certificates of Assistant Surgeon Richards, which are not consistent:

James Havey, late Company K, Nineteenth Massachusetts Volunteers.

The applications of the following are denied:

Patrick Hayden, late Company B, Twenty-third Illinois Volunteers.

Joseph O'Dell, late Company I, Sixty-fifth Indiana Volunteers.

The application of the following is granted, but his application is to be reported to the Adjutant-General of the United States Army, for transportation to Soldiers' Home at Washington, if he be entitled to admission there:

John Ryan, late Company G, Fifteenth Regiment United States Infantry.

The application of the following is refused. The applicant, being a pensioner, is only eligible for admission to the Soldiers' Home at Washington. His application should be transmitted to the Adjutant-General of the United States Army:

Morris Joy, late Company D, Tenth Regiment United States Infantry.

#### REMISSION OF PENALTIES.

The applications of the following for remission of penalties heretofore imposed are refused:

Adam Jung, late Company B, Thirty-ninth New York Volunteers.

William K. Shaw, late Company A, Fifth Connecticut Volunteers.

Cornelius Barry, late Company H, Fifty-eighth Illinois Volunteers.

The application of the following is referred to General Hincks for report:

Patrick Murphy, late Company H, One hundred and forty-seventh New York Volunteers.

The petition of the following for remission of penalty of \$54, heretofore imposed on him, is granted, and the whole amount is remitted:

John Reed, late Company G, Thirty-fourth New Jersey Volunteers.

#### READMISSIONS TO EASTERN BRANCH.

The following soldiers, heretofore discharged, were, for sufficient reasons, readmitted unconditionally:

David Curtin, late Company G, Forty-seventh New York Volunteers.

Samuel S. Phelan, late Company G, First Connecticut Heavy Artillery.

Patrick Dailey, late Company C, Thirty-third Massachusetts Volunteers.

James Garner, late ———, Fourteenth Massachusetts Battery.

And the following, on condition that they do such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct, for the period of three months, without pay:

Edward McGee, late Company C, Twenty-fourth Massachusetts Volunteers.



Samuel Chapin, late Fourteenth Massachusetts Battery.

Thomas Callahan, late Company F, Twenty-fourth Massachusetts Volunteers.

Lucius Cole, late Company E, Sixth New Hampshire Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he does such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct, for the period of one year, without pay:

Thomas Alcorn, late Company G, Fifty-sixth Massachusetts Volunteers.

And the following, after three months, may be admitted, on condition that he does such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct, for the period of one year, without pay:

William R. Daniels, late Company A, Eighth New Hampshire Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they assign absolutely, to the National Home, one-third of their several pensions for the period of three months, and the deputy governor is authorized to remit the penalty if the money is required for the support of the applicants' families:

Patrick Shannahan, late Company K, Eighth New Jersey Volunteers.

William Norris, late Company E, Thirtieth Massachusetts Volunteers.

Richard Smith, late Company E, Thirty-fifth New York Volunteers.

James Mackin, late Company H, Twenty-fourth Massachusetts Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he assigns absolutely, to the National Home, one-half of his entire pension for the period of three months:

Peter C. Cain, late Company D, Fifteenth Massachusetts Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he assign absolutely, to the National Home, his entire pension for the period of three months:

James Butler, late Fourth Massachusetts Battery.

The applications of the following are denied:

John F. Savage, late Company B, Eighth Maine Volunteers.

Edward Corbett, late Company E, Second New York Volunteers.

#### READMISSIONS TO SOUTHERN BRANCH.

The following soldiers, heretofore discharged, were, for sufficient reasons, readmitted unconditionally:

Thomas W. Mulvey, late Company C, Sixty-ninth New York Volunteers:

Woodrow Spiers, late Company G, Eighth Pennsylvania Cavalry.

George Smith, late Company G, First New York Volunteers.

Albert Britigan, late Company C, Seventeenth Pennsylvania Cavalry.

James Costello, late Company H, First Massachusetts Artillery.

Rudolph Schroeder, late Company C, First New Jersey Cavalry.

And the following is to be readmitted if, upon re-examination by the surgeon, he is found to be now disabled; otherwise, the application is denied:

Patrick Malone, late Company B, Sixth and Thirty-fourth New Jersey Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he does such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct, for the period of two months, without pay:

Christian Luther, late Company D, Second Maryland Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he assigns absolutely, to the National Home, one-third of his entire pension for the period of three months, and the deputy governor is authorized to remit the penalty if the money is required for the support of the applicant's family :

Samuel Roberts, late Company A, Fourth United States Artillery, and Company F, Fifth New York Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he assigns absolutely, to the National Home, one-half of his entire pension for the period of four months, and pays to the Home the sum of \$36.26 for clothing and transportation furnished him :

John Denny, late Company B, Fifty-eighth Massachusetts Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he assigns absolutely, to the National Home, one-half of his entire pension for the period of four months, and pays to the Home the sum of \$60.81 for clothing, &c., furnished him :

William W. Whitecomb, late Company C, Eleventh Massachusetts Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he assigns absolutely, to the National Home, one-half of his entire pension for the period of six months :

William J. Verhake, late Company A, Fifth New York Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he assigns absolutely, to the National Home, his entire pension during the time he remains an inmate :

Francis Burt, late Company I, First United States Artillery, Mexican war.

The application of the following is refused. He, being a pensioner, is only eligible for admission to the Soldiers' Home at Washington, and his application should be forwarded to the Adjutant-General of the United States Army :

Douglass Sears, late United States Navy.

The following soldier, heretofore discharged, is readmitted, but if again discharged from the Home another application for his readmission will not be entertained :

Thomas Duff, late Company F, Seventy-third New York Volunteers.

#### MISCELLANEOUS APPLICATIONS.

The application of the following for transportation and a transfer to the Central Branch is referred to Col. Leonard A. Harris, with power to act :

Bernard Colligan, late Company G, Second Ohio Volunteers.

#### APPLICATIONS FOR EFFECTS OF DECEASED INMATES.

##### *Central Branch.*

The following applications for effects of deceased inmates are approved, and the Treasurer is authorized to pay over the same, taking proper vouchers therefor :

Henry Scott (son-in-law), for effects of Samuel Price, deceased, late soldier, war of 1812.

Mrs. Solastika Ritter, for the effects of Henry Scherer, deceased, late Company A, Fifty-fourth Ohio Volunteers.

Mrs. Sarah A. Maddox, for effects of William Maddox, deceased, late soldier, war of 1812.

Mrs. Caroline P. Faucett, widow, for effects of her deceased husband, George W. Faucett, late Company K, Ninth Indiana Volunteers, war of 1812.

The following applications are also approved and the money is ordered paid to the applicants as soon as the treasurer receives it:

Mrs. Mary Phipps (sister), through James N. Waugh, attorney, for effects of Samuel J. Kindly, deceased, late Company D, One hundred and twenty-fourth Indiana Volunteers.

Col. Charles H. Fox, in behalf of James Whitehead and Edward Scott, for the effects of Cyrus A. Moore, deceased, late Company K, One hundred and first Illinois Volunteers.

Peter Callahan, administrator, in behalf of decedent's mother, for the effects of Michael Callahan, deceased, late Company H, Fourth Kentucky Cavalry.

The application of C. P. Kellogg, for the effects of Benjamin Le Roy, deceased, late soldier, war of 1812, is denied, except as to trunk and medal, which is ordered to be delivered to decedent's daughter, Clara Kellogg.

The following applications for effects of deceased inmates are refused:

Morris Kozminsky, for the effects of James Jones, deceased, late Company G, Twenty-sixth Missouri Volunteers.

Arthur Connors (father), for effects of Peter Quinn, deceased, late Company E, First Louisiana Cavalry.

The application of A. J. Hodder, attorney, for the effects of John Allen, deceased, late Company A, Tenth New Hampshire Volunteers, is referred to Colonel Harris and General Martindale to examine and report to next meeting of the board.

The application of Charles Maun, for the effects of William Voight, deceased, late Company D, Seventeenth Missouri Volunteers, is referred to Colonel Harris, with power to examine and order payment of \$12.95 if, in his judgment, it is just and expedient to do so.

The application of Mrs. Nancie Wainscott, widow, for the effects of Joseph R. Wainscott, deceased, late Company D, Twenty-first Kentucky Volunteers, is referred to Colonel Harris, who, on proof satisfactory to him that applicant is the widow of the deceased soldier, will order payment of pension money to her.

#### *Northwestern Branch.*

The application of Mrs. Margaret Hoffer, for the effects of her deceased husband, Frederick Hoffer, late Company C, Fourteenth Michigan Volunteers, is approved, and the treasurer authorized to pay over the same, taking proper vouchers therefor.

The application of Samuel Seeleman and Rosina Loeb, for the effects of their deceased father, Frederick Young, late of Company E, Sixteenth New York Heavy Artillery, is approved, so far that the sum of \$45.88 is ordered paid to them, without regard to the removal of the remains of their deceased father.

#### GENERAL BUSINESS.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That in all instances of unconditional readmission it is presumed that the applicant has paid his own transportation, as in all other cases of readmission. If such is not the case, the several governors will reimburse the treasurer for cost of transportation, by labor of the applicant without pay or pension money, except otherwise specially ordered.



On motion of Governor Smyth, it was

*Resolved*, That the local manager, Col. Leonard A. Harris, and the governor of the Central Branch, be authorized to enlarge the restaurant at the Central Branch, at a cost not exceeding \$3,000, to be paid out of the profits of the store fund.

A letter from General Tilton was laid before the board relating to the shoe-shop at the Eastern Branch, as follows:

NATIONAL HOME FOR DISABLED VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS,  
EASTERN BRANCH,  
Togus, Me., November 27, 1878.

GENERAL: There has been very little done in the shoe-shop since my last quarterly account was rendered, but now I have started to make shoes and boots for the Home for next year.

Last year there were required 3,100 pairs each of boots and shoes for the four branches.

Allowing 7,000 pairs for the requirement of 1879, I shall (or can) make them in 60 to 90 days, leaving nine months unoccupied if I make them as quickly as I can. Can you not dispose of our work for these nine months? I inclose calculations of cost of several qualities of goods. We could make 30,000 pairs in a year, besides our own.

Respectfully,

WM. S. TILTON,  
Deputy Governor.

General B. F. BUTLER, *President*.

Thereupon, it was

*Resolved*, That the present committee for the purchase of clothing, consisting of Generals B. F. Butler, J. H. Martindale, and Gov. F. Smyth, be instructed to examine the condition of the shoe-shop at the Eastern Branch, and if they find that a market in cash can be found for the manufactures not required for the National Homes, or that they can be exchanged for necessary clothing for the inmates, at rates estimated in money not exceeding the cost of similar clothing as estimated in the Quartermaster's Department of the Army, the said committee shall have authority to continue such manufacture with a view to such sale or exchange, and that such committee make their report in the premises to the next meeting of the board.

Adjutant-General E. D. Townsend, U. S. A., on invitation, appeared before the board, and a conference ensued in regard to the admission of disabled soldiers of the Regular Army to the Soldiers' Home, in Washington, and their eligibility for admission to the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.

Thereupon, on motion of Colonel Harris, the following resolutions were adopted:

*Resolved*, That in all cases of admission of soldiers who served in the Regular Army, or in the Mexican war, to the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, reports of such cases shall be made by the governor and deputy governors commanding the several National Homes to the Adjutant-General of the Regular Army in Washington, to the end that in every instance where such soldier may be found entitled to admission to the Soldiers' Home in Washington he may be transferred accordingly and admitted there.

*Resolved*, That the subject of the admission of soldiers of the Regular Army to the Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers be submitted to Generals Butler and Martindale, with the request that they ascertain from the Board of Managers of the United States Soldiers' Home, at Washington, D. C., the qualifications required of an applicant for admission to that Home; also to report rules for the consideration of the Board of Managers of the Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, for the admission of such applicants.

General Coulter, from the committee appointed for the purpose of investigating the proceedings and findings of the court of inquiry at the Central Branch relating to Wardmaster E. H. A. Snowwhite, reported that the committee had made the investigation directed. It was satisfactorily established that the wardmaster had generally discharged his duties discreetly and efficiently; but in the particular instance investigated, had indiscreetly and improperly, although without malice, used undue violence in the treatment of a sick inmate of the hospital.



The committee concluded that the duties of wardmaster in the hospital required the most considerate attention to the sick, and patient forbearance. That the wardmaster had failed to fulfill his duties in these particulars, and ought not to be continued in that service. They decided, therefore, that he should be discharged from the hospital, and deprived of office and employment as wardmaster, which was accordingly done by order of the governor.

The board thereupon

*Resolved*, That the action of the committee be approved and ratified.

#### ESTIMATES AND APPROPRIATIONS.

The vice-president of the board, in the absence of the president, then presented the estimates for the additional funds required for the purposes of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, for the quarter ending March 31, 1879, which, after careful revision, were agreed upon, as follows:

Central Branch:	
For current expenses, construction and repairs .....	\$119,716 90
For construction of reservoir .....	6,000 00
For brick building for shops, to replace building destroyed by fire.....	1,500 00
For rubber hose for fire purposes.....	2,000 00
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Northwestern Branch:	
For current expenses, construction and repairs .....	22,800 00
For construction of new building for bakery and quartermaster's and commissary stores.....	4,950 00
Eastern Branch:	
For current expenses, construction and repairs .....	29,013 15
Southern Branch:	
For current expenses, construction and repairs .....	25,132 16
For outdoor relief and incidental expenses .....	6,000 00
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Total .....	217,112 21

Thereupon the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers estimate and appropriate the sum of two hundred and seventeen thousand one hundred and twelve dollars and twenty-one cents (\$217,112.21) as necessary to meet the current expenses of the four branches of the Home for the quarter ending March 31, 1879, and for construction, repairs, outdoor relief, and incidental expenses of the National Home for the quarter, and that the acting treasurer be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered to take such measures as may be necessary to obtain said sum from the Treasury of the United States, and to receipt for the same in the name and behalf of the National Home.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The vice-president made the following appointments for visiting and auditing committees:

*For Central Branch*.—Governor Smyth and Colonel Harris.

*For Eastern Branch*.—General Martindale and General Coulter.

*For Southern Branch*.—Governor Smyth and Colonel Harris.

*For Northwestern Branch*.—General Martindale and General Coulter.

*On accounts of acting treasurer*.—Governor Smyth and General Coulter.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was postponed until the next meeting of the board.

In the matter of the petition of certain pensioners, inmates of the

Central Branch, for a change of the regulations regarding the payment of pension moneys received by the treasurer, it was

*Resolved*, That it is not expedient for the board, at this time, to make any additional rules as to the disposition of pension moneys.

On motion of Colonel Harris, it was

*Resolved*, That the petition of Mrs. Margaret Birch, for the effects of her deceased husband, Louis Birch, late Company B, Twenty-eighth Ohio Volunteers, be referred back to General Martindale for further consideration, and if he deems the case to require it, to direct payment.

Thereupon the board adjourned to meet at the Surgeon-General's Office, at Washington, D. C., on Wednesday, the 5th day of March, 1879, at 12 o'clock m.

J. H. MARTINDALE,  
*Secretary.*